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GCC meeting opens with call to support uprising

Iraqi victories deter Tehran

JEDDAH, June 4, (Agencies): Saudi Arabia said today that Iraqi battlefield victories this year had deterred Iranian aggression against Gulf Arab states, but urged new United Nations efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war.

Opening a meeting of Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) foreign ministers in Jeddah, Saudi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, praised the Iraqi advances and repeated appeals to Iran to make peace.

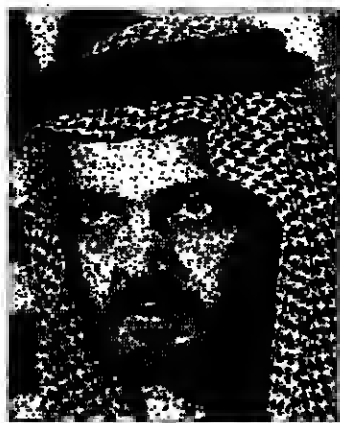
Prince Saud also said it was a "sacred duty" of the Arabs to support the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Saud called for a "well-studied" Arab plan of action that capitalised on the development to help the Palestinians attain their national objectives.

Effect

In their highest triumph since the early days of the 7-1/2-year-old war, Iraqi troops recaptured the occupied Faw peninsula in April and pushed Iranian forces back to international boundaries in the Salammah marshlands of southern Iraq last month.

"These victories have had the effect of deterring and curbing Iranian aggression after it had begun to threaten the entire region, especially in the light of Iran's persistent attempts to transport its conflict with Iraq to



Prince Saud: appeal

parties not part of the war," Saud said.

The six GCC states had felt increasingly threatened by Iran because of their support for Iraq.

Saud urged the United Nations to follow up the Security Council resolution 598 of last July, which called for a ceasefire, withdrawal to international boundaries and peace talks.

Efforts

Iran has not accepted the resolution, insisting on prior condemnation of Iraq as the aggressor. The United States, Britain and France want Soviet and Chinese support for an arms embargo against Iran.

"We hope that every peace-loving state in the world will continue efforts to issue a resolution

to implement resolution 598 and put an urgent and decisive end to this destructive war," Saud said.

Western and Arab diplomats in the Gulf said the GCC states wanted to intensify international pressure on Iran to accept a ceasefire at a time when it appeared militarily vulnerable.

Iran has repeatedly attacked shipping in the Gulf linked to the GCC states and has struck Kuwaiti and UAE oil installations several times.

Saudi Arabia broke off diplomatic relations with Iran in April, accusing it of seeking to export its Islamic revolution and stir up unrest at next month's Muslim pilgrimage in Makkah.

Officials said the Saudis would seek a general statement of support from the GCC for its break while not insisting that others followed suit.

Backing

Saud reiterated GCC backing for the six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories and urged an Arab League summit opening in Algiers on Tuesday to help maintain it.

"There must be a conscious movement to bring desired results from the uprising of the Palestinian people," he said. "We hope the summit leads to a common Arab position toward the Palestinian issue in general and a position supporting the uprising in particular."

Saud said the Saudi monarch, King Fahd, had sent messages in the name of the GCC to the permanent member states of the UN Security Council.

The messages said developments in the occupied territories could be a threat to world peace unless a just and comprehensive settlement to the Palestinian problem were attained "within the framework" of an international peace conference.

Agenda

Prince Saud said GCC ministers would review the draft of a wide-ranging co-operation agreement with the European Economic Community.

The agreement, expected to be signed in Brussels later this month, sets a framework for trade, industrial, scientific and political co-operation between the two groups.

But it leaves aside the sensitive issue of EEC tariffs on GCC petrochemical products for a follow-up accord.

Attending the meeting are Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Bahrain's Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Rashed Abdullah of the United Arab Emirates, Qatar's Ahmed Bin Seif Al Thani and Oman's Youssef Bin Alawi.

Sheikh Sabah said the ministerial council will also focus on the agenda of the Arab summit.



King Hussein receiving Shultz (right) in Amman. (Reuters wire-photo)

Shultz continues shuttle

Israel must yield territory: Hussein

CAIRO, June 4, (AP): US Secretary of State George Shultz, after 2-1/2 hours of talks with King Hussein, said today the Jordanian monarch was reluctant to engage in peace talks with Israel unless he was certain Israel would yield territory on the West Bank.

"If they feel there is no territorial compromise possible, they then feel what am I going to negotiate about?" Shultz told reporters as he shuttled back to Egypt from Amman.

Shultz will fly in Israel tomorrow to try to get the assurance Hussein seeks from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. His prospects are not bright.

Interest

The Israeli leader has offered to negotiate with Jordan without preconditions. But he refuses to guarantee the outcome in advance.

Shultz said he found an "intensity of interest" by Hussein in the US plan for Arab-Israeli negotiations. "As a general proposition, they are in favour of proceeding," Shultz said.

"The question on their mind is 'is there an Israeli partner?' he hesitates to say 'yes, we will go into the talks' until they have some assurances that it's going to be based on the formula of trading territory for peace," Shultz said.

Jordan controlled the West Bank from 1948 until 1967, when it joined Egypt and Syria in a war with Israel and lost the territory, including East Jerusalem.

Shultz supports Jordan's demand for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, where about one million Palestinian Arabs live, and has said giving up all the land was "not in the cards".

Shultz has two sessions scheduled tomorrow with Shamir, and separate meetings with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and members of the Israeli Knesset.

This is his fourth trip to the

area this year. Shultz said on his arrival last night he knew the odds were against him and that he had no "particular indication" of changes in positions since his last failed effort two months ago.

Shultz began the day with a session with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has endorsed the US approach in principle. "We're off to a good start, I think," Shultz said after he and Mubarak spent an hour in private and an hour with aides.

But in a session with Egyptian editors before flying to Amman, he said "the situation remains one in which there are great problems."

Shultz said President Reagan wants to "accomplish as much as he can and to leave as much of a constructive base for his successor as possible."

Understanding

In the interview, Shultz expressed understanding for Shamir's security concerns. "Israel cannot afford to make a bad mistake in this regard," he said.

But Shultz said he also had told the Israeli prime minister that "it's possible to be too careful and miss opportunities that may not appear again."

At the same time, Shultz said he doubted "the workability" of an independent Palestinian state. He said Americans understood the concept of a Palestinian movement but the Palestine Liberation Organisation's sponsorship of terrorist activities made it an unacceptable negotiating partner for Israel.

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid declared Shultz's peace mission was doomed to fail because of the "unbustle American refusal" to recognise Palestinian rights.

His statement was reported by the Algerian news agency in Algiers, where Arab leaders will open a summit meeting on Tuesday. The main item on the agenda is support for Palestinian Arabs in their uprising against Israeli authorities.

Palestinians hold protests

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 4, (Reuters): Palestinians held widespread protests today, the second day of a general strike called to protest against the Middle East peace mission by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

A three-day general strike that began yesterday has closed shops and halted public transport in the occupied areas. It was called by the clandestine leadership of the nearly six-month-old Palestinian uprising.

Explosion in W. German colliery

Six miners survive miraculously

BORKEN, West Germany, June 4, (AP): Six men who had been presumed dead emerged from an explosion-shattered coal mine early today, prompting rescue workers to search feverishly for more survivors.

"It's a miracle," said Peter-Carl Ruehlend, a spokesman for the company that owns the mine. The six, between 21 and 36 years old, survived 65 hours deep underground after finding an air pocket. Their rescue came with the help of a television crew's microphone that picked up tapping sounds.

All 57 men trapped by the blast Wednesday had been given up for dead. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, and 15 miners were still missing today.

Officials said there were some indications that two more men may be near the pocket of air where the six were found alive.

Blast

Their blackened faces showing fatigue, the six were put on stretchers and carried to a nearby rescue station in the mine.

Trial of 5 Kuwaitis accused of terrorism begins

THE trial of five Kuwaitis charged with plotting to kill security personnel and illegal possession of firearms and explosives began yesterday.

The five on trial in State Security Court include two brothers, Ibrahim Abbas Jaafar Zainal, 42, a teacher, and Sulaiman Abbas Jaafar Zainal, 35, a technician at the Kuwait Oil Co. A third defendant is a relative, Mohammed Ibrahim Abbas Jaafar, 15, a student.

The others are Hassan Ibrahim Mohammed Hussein, 33, an engineer at the Ministry of Public Works, and Ahmed Hassan Khamis, still at large. Earlier it had been reported that Hassan Ibrahim was the fugitive.

Charges

The indictment read out at the start of the trial charged the defendants with possession of bomb-making materials.

The defendants are accused of trying to carry out a number of crimes including plotting the assassination of personnel of the State Security department, making explosives with the aim of committing crimes, the sabotage of buildings and installations and killing people inside, and using force and violence against officers of the central prison, the indictment said.

The indictment did not say when the incident at the central prison occurred or specify the target of the assassination bid.

Sulaiman Zainal was also accused of embezzling state money with the assistance of Ibrahim and two other defendants.

Ibrahim Zainal and Moham-

med Jaafar were accused of acquisition and possession without licence of a mortar gun.

After reading the charges, the court decided to continue the trial behind closed doors for security reasons.

The five were the latest batch of a series of suspects who appeared before the State Security Court over the past 16 months on charges of carrying out acts of sabotage against oil industry installations, other public and private targets and calling for the overthrow of the government.

The largest such group was accused of involvement in the bombings of July 1986 and January 1987 at key oil installations in the southern oil district of Ahmadi.

More than two dozen Kuwaitis have been convicted in these cases, six of them condemned to death with two in absentia, and the rest to various jail terms.

Explosions

A handful are still at large.

Three explosions in April and May targeting Saudia, the Saudi national airlines, the American rental car agency Avis and the Kuwait Airways Corp. office were the latest acts of sabotage in Kuwait.

Two persons, said to have been the terrorists, were killed when a booby-trapped car prematurely exploded near the Kuwait Airways offices. But otherwise aside from material damage, only one guard was injured in the explosions which occurred during off duty hours.

India to pull out troops from Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, June 4, (Reuters): India is to withdraw part of its 52,000-strong peacekeeping force from Sri Lanka next week, Sri Lankan Defence Ministry officials said today.

They said Army chiefs from both countries met today to discuss details of a phased pull-out of troops and equipment no longer needed in the fight against Tamil rebels in the north and east.

Next week's withdrawal could begin as early as June 7 or 8, they said.

Appease

Indian high commission spokeswoman Primrose Sharma said she could neither confirm nor deny the process would begin next week but added that "departure of some of the troops is very much on the cards."

Military analysts said the withdrawal would help President Junius Jayewardene appease hardliners from the majority Sinhalese community in the south, where the Marxist People's Liberation Front (JVP) launched a violent anti-government campaign after the signing of an Indian-Sri Lankan pact last July.

The JVP opposes the pact, which is aimed at ending a separatist war by minority Tamils and is enforced by Indian soldiers now hunting down Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrillas.

Southern province goes to the polls on June 9 to elect members of one of the new semi-autonomous provincial councils which are being created as part of the Indo-Sri Lankan accord.

Sri Lankan military sources said they expected the first

Indian forces to leave would be artillery and tank regiments based in areas where there are no longer large-scale confrontations with the rebels.

They cited parts of the Amparai and Batticaloa districts in the southeast.

"The withdrawal would move upward, from the southeast in Amparai and Batticaloa then Trincomalee," said a senior official who declined to be named. He said any withdrawal from the north would come last.

Number

Official Sri Lankan sources have said informal discussions have explored the possibility of maintaining only two Indian divisions in the country by mid-September.

India initially sent 5,000 soldiers to the island but more were despatched as part of a saturation drive to create suitable conditions for elections.

The Sri Lankan military estimates India had 70,000 men on the island by February, but India maintains the figure is 52,000.

Ecuador's Air Force chief dies in crash

QUITO, June 4, (AP): Ecuador's Air Force commander, two other generals and an Israeli military attaché were killed last night along with seven other people when their plane hit a mountain near Quito, officials said.

The military plane carrying Gen. Angel Augusto Flores, 52, the Air Force chief, and Generals Raul Cousin and Galo Coronel crashed into the mountain on the outskirts of this Andean capital.

DAY BY DAY

GO to the Ministry of Commerce to register a company — you are asked about the company's premises. Go to the municipality for opening the company's premises — you have to produce foundation contracts and legal documents. A perfect "Catch 22".

Kuwaiti authorities need to revise many of the laws which today are obsolete. They should restructure them to be compatible with the needs of the 20th century.

Zahed Mattar

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- تحریک اللہ اپناک ماسکو پہنچ گئے
- پانچ کویتوں کے
- خلاف مقدمہ کی سماعت
- سکھ علیحدگی پسندوں نے
- مزید ۳ افراد کو ہلاک کر دیا
- تامل چھاپہ ماروں نے ۱۸
- بھارتی فوجی ہلاک کر دیئے
- جنوبی کوریا کے ساتھ بیچ
- میں پاکستان کا احتجاج

WEATHER

HOT summer weather with light variable north-westerly wind.
State of sea: slight
High water: 4.30 am, 2.00 pm
Low water: 9.30 am, 10.00 pm
Sunrise: 4.48 am
Sunset: 6.45 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 46°C (115°F)
Ahmadi: 41°C (106°F)
Fahala: 43°C (109°F)
Minimum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 27°C (81°F)
Ahmadi: 29°C (84°F)
Fahala: 29°C (84°F)
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)
Ahmadi: 40°C (104°F)
Fahala: 42°C (108°F)
Minimum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 27 per cent
Ahmadi: 39 per cent
Fahala: 45 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 30 per cent
Ahmadi: 40 per cent
Fahala: 49 per cent

Iraqi jets raid ship in Kharg

MANAMA, Bahrain, June 4, (Agencies): Iraqi jets today attacked a tanker loading oil at Iran's Kharg island terminal in the northern Gulf.

The Iraqi jets slammed missiles into the lone tanker as it lay anchored east of Kharg island, said a military spokesman in Baghdad.

It was Baghdad's first reported raid on a ship in the northern Gulf in three weeks. Last month, Iraq carried out its most successful long-distance air raid on ships serving Iran since the war spilled over into the Gulf, and Iraq reported two more attacks in the central and southern Gulf since then.

Sikh extremists kill a journalist

AMRITSAR, India, June 4, (Reuters): A reporter working for the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency was among four people reported killed today in Punjab where Sikh militants' campaign for an independent homeland has claimed more than 1,200 lives this year.

Police said PTI reporter Parnam Singh, who also worked for some Punjabi newspapers, was shot dead by separatist gunmen riding a scooter in the town of Hoshiarpur this morning.

At least six journalists, including a well-known editor, have been killed in Punjab since 1981.

PTI did not say why the reporter was a target of extremists but assassinations and random killings are common in Punjab

Rajiv, Assad hold talks on Mideast

DAMASCUS, June 4, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi began talks today with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad which Syrian officials said would cover Middle East developments.

Officials said the two leaders, both prominent in the Non-Aligned Movement, would discuss the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories and next week's Arab League summit in Algiers.

Prime Minister Mahmoud Zu'bi described Rajiv's three-day visit to Syria as "an important step on the road of bolster-

ing friendly ties and cooperation," the official Syrian news agency Sana said.

It also reported that India and Syria had agreed to form joint committees to promote economic and cultural relations.

Rajiv was greeted by a 21-gun salute when he arrived in Damascus.

Rajiv's visit prompted US Secretary of State George Shultz to postpone a planned trip to Damascus from today until Monday, official sources said.

India, which has had no diplomatic ties with Israel since the Jewish state was founded in 1948, backs Arab policy that Israel must withdraw fully from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Syrian Golan Heights.

Along with most Arab states, India also says that any peace talks should include the Palestine Liberation Organisation and address the issue of an independent Palestinian state.

Reagan returns to hero's welcome

WASHINGTON, June 4, (Reuters): President Reagan received a flag-waving hero's welcome on arrival from the Moscow summit yesterday as aides began pondering how to keep up the momentum of improved superpower relations into the next administration.

Facing cheering supporters in a hangar at Andrews Air Force Base with his wife Nancy at his side, the 77-year-old President waxed sentimental, extolling the virtues of freedom and adding: "There's no place like home."

Assessment
"The events of this week in Moscow were momentous," he said of his meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "Not conclusive, perhaps, but momentous. And believe me, right now, momentous will do just fine."

On Air Force One enroute from London, where Reagan made a 24-hour stop, National Security Adviser Colin Powell told reporters he and his staff on Monday would begin assessing the post-summit status of US-Soviet relations.

Powell stressed the need to "manage this relationship."

French polls

PARIS, June 4, (AP): Just four weeks after re-electing socialist President Francois Mitterrand, the French return to the polls tomorrow to choose a new 577-seat National Assembly.

The two-round election is expected to give the President a solid socialist majority and spell doom for the parliamentary representation of the communists and the far-right National Front.

The latest polls gave the socialists between 42 and 44 per cent of the vote.

Rain breaks heat wave

NEW DELHI, June 4, (AP): Rain storms today in New Delhi and parts of the northern Indian states of Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana broke a heat wave that has killed more than 450 people in the past week.

Light showers and a seven-degree drop in temperature were reported in Rajasthan, which had been hardest hit by the unrelenting sun.

Heavy rains were reported in neighbouring Punjab and Haryana.

27 feared dead as tunnels collapse

DIPOLONG, Philippines, June 4. (AP) At least 27 people were believed killed when mine tunnels crudely dug on a remote mountainside caved in after heavy rains, a local official said today.

One miner was rescued by other prospectors shortly after the accident last night, but his left leg was so badly injured doctors had to amputate it when he arrived at a hospital here today, the official said.

Benito Tolentino, mayor of the municipality of Sibutad where the cave-in occurred, told reporters that lack of equipment was hampering rescue efforts on Mount Lablab, 48 kilometres from here and 720 kilometres southeast of Manila.

Tolentino, who accompanied the unidentified survivor to report the accident to authorities, said rescuers were armed only with picks and shovels and were making little progress in attempts to reach the trapped miners.

He said there was little hope that any of them were still alive.

Heavy rain

Tolentino said 28 people were working in a network of tunnels below a 45-foot-deep (15-metre-deep) shaft when the surface caved in after two days of heavy rain. He said he had ordered a temporary halt to gold prospecting at the site.

Some 20,000 prospectors from

different parts of Mindanao island have converged on the area since gold was discovered last September, Tolentino said. He added that at least 12 people had been killed in previous cave-ins.

Hundreds of people have been killed in similar accidents across Mindanao over the years.

Rockfall

In Johannesburg, three gold miners died and four others are missing after a rockfall more than a mile underground in one of the world's deepest mines.

Rescue teams are digging from above and below the accident level about 1.25 miles (2,000 metres) underground in western deep levels gold mine, a spokesman for the owners, Anglo American Corp., said.

"A rockburst occurred at western deep levels number two shaft in a longwall stope, which is a working area, about 2,000 metres underground," spokesman James Duncan said.

"Three miners were killed and four others are missing," he said. Two teams of 10 rescuers are digging through fallen rock to the area where the missing men may be trapped.

Shafts reaching some two miles into the earth make western deep levels, about 50 km south-west of Johannesburg, one of the deepest mines in the world, mining officials said.

Seoul student sets himself on fire

SEOUL, June 4. (Reuters) A South Korean student set himself ablaze today, demanding the reunification of the Korean peninsula and an end to President Roh Tae-Woo's government, witnesses said.

Park Lee-Jon, 25, at Seoul's Sungsil University, shouted slogans attacking Roh's inter-Korean and other policies, doused himself with inflammable liquid and set himself on fire at a campus building.

Park, who left a suicide note urging his colleagues to fight against Roh, was taken to hospital where doctors said he was in critical condition.

The student's attempted suicide followed a police order to detain 35 student leaders trying to seek a student meeting between North and South Korea on June 10 at the border village of Panmunjom.

The Seoul government banned the meeting but yesterday proposed cabinet minister-level talks with North Korea to discuss possible Northern participation in the Seoul Olympics opening in September and exchanges of visits.

North Korea today rejected the Southern proposal, attacking Seoul for ignoring its past dialogue offers.

Thousands of South Korean students have recently pledged they will march towards Panmunjom on June 10.

UN urged to halt Tel Aviv's dangerous plan

Israel posing nuclear threat

UNITED NATIONS, June 4. (AP) Jordan's King Hussein has told delegates to a UN disarmament session that Israel has created a terrible threat to the world by introducing nuclear weapons in the Middle East.

Israel has neither confirmed nor denied widespread reports that it is developing nuclear weapons.

In a later speech to the 159-nation General Assembly, Cuba's vice president praised US President Ronald Reagan's "positive attitude" in achieving the US-Soviet missile treaty, but said Reagan remains Cuba's "implacable adversary."

King Hussein, in a speech read by Jordanian UN Ambassador Abdullah Salah, urged the United Nations to take strong measures to free the Middle East of nuclear weapons, halt Israel's nuclear arms programme and eliminate those weapons.

"The situation has become more dangerous since Israel introduced nuclear weapons to

the Middle East," the King's message said. "It has been building up its nuclear capabilities since the 1950s and is continuing to develop and expand them so that it now represents a terrible threat not only to the Middle East, but to the world as a whole."

No check

He said Israel was trying to acquire, develop and accumulate nuclear weapons without acceding to the Non-Proliferation Treaty or allowing its nuclear installations to be supervised by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The King also supported establishment of nuclear-free zones in the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia, Latin America and other parts of the world.

Cuban Vice-President Carlos Rafael Rodriguez affirmed Cuba's determination to withdraw its troops from Angola once Namibia, or South-West Africa, achieves independence

from South Africa. He assailed US military policies, its economic embargo against Cuba and said that 26 years ago, during the crisis of Soviet missiles in Cuba, the US nuclear threat was "nearly imminent."

Ban

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal called for conventional arms cuts in Europe, a ban on chemical weapons and arms in outer space and an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

But he said nothing about his Army's occupation of Northern Cyprus. He also did not respond to a call Thursday by President George Vassiliou of Cyprus for demilitarisation of the island, withdrawal of Turkish troops and shelters, and dismantling of the Army of the Republic of Cyprus.

Turkey invaded the island in 1974 and has not responded to UN resolutions calling for a troop pullout.

Turkish troops entered



Hussein: threat

Cyprus after the then-ruling Greek military junta in Athens inspired a brief unsuccessful coup in Cyprus, where 83 per cent of the population is Greek Orthodox and 17 per cent Turkish Muslim.

Turkey said it sent troops to protect the Turkish Cypriot minority.

At least 25 presidents and prime ministers are scheduled to address this UN special session, which opened Tuesday and is scheduled to end June 25.

The session will adopt a statement on various forms of disarmament in nuclear, conventional and chemical weapons. The United States and its Western allies want the session to stress cuts in conventional arms and to avoid utopian generalisations, such as statements calling for worldwide nuclear disarmament favoured by delegates from the developing nations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hunger strike

ANKARA, June 4. (Reuters) Two jailed communist leaders due to be tried in Turkey next week have gone on hunger strike, lawyers close to the case said.

Haydar Kutlu and Nihat Sargin began the strike on Friday to support more than 60 other prisoners demanding better conditions in the Ankara jail, the lawyer told Reuters.

Kutlu and Sargin were held last November when they returned to Turkey after seven years self-exile in Europe.

Bomb explodes

JOHANNESBURG, June 4. (UPI) A bomb exploded in the conference room of a military regiment headquarters in Johannesburg, hours after a terrorist attack on a white community killed four people and injured 19 others, officials sources said.

LT Col Eddie Everson, a police spokesman in Pretoria, said the unidentified device exploded at the South African Irish regiment, blowing out windows and causing moderate structural damage.

Commander killed

QUITO, June 4. (AP) Ecuador's Air Force commander, two other generals and an Israeli military attaché were killed last night along with seven other people when their plane hit a mountain near Quito, officials said.

The military plane carrying Gen. Angel Augusto Flores, 52, the Air Force chief, and Gen. Raul Cousin and Galo Coronel crashed into the mountain on the outskirts of this Andean capital.

Typhoon kills seven

MANILA, June 4. (Reuters) Seven people, including five children, are dead and fourteen seamen are missing after typhoon Susan blasted the Philippines this week, civil defence officials and coast guards said today.

The typhoon roared out of the Philippines towards Japan on Friday and the relief officials said the death toll is likely to increase as they receive more provincial damage reports.

Earthquake

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, June 4. (UPI) Southern New Zealand was rocked today by a severe earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale, the strongest tremor to hit the region in more than a dozen years.

The quake shutdown a major power station and disrupted electricity supplies in the Lake Manapouri area on the south island of New Zealand. Police said no injuries were reported.

Boy found safe

TAIPEI, June 4. (AP) Police searched today for the kidnappers of an 8-year-old Japanese schoolboy, who was found alive Friday night in a Taipei alley.

Police said the boy, Tetsuyoshi Ohta, was found after kidnappers revealed his location to his parents. Tape covered his eyes, and a white cloth covered his head. Taipei police chief Liao Chao-Hsiang told reporters.

Freedoms award

AMSTERDAM, June 4. (Reuters) Former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt today became the first West German to receive the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award.

The 77-year-old award, presented to Schmidt in the town of Middelburg, is given each year to people considered by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt institute to have shown a lifetime commitment to the principles of freedom of speech and worship from fear and want.

MIG crashes

LAGOS, June 4. (AP) A Nigerian Air Force MiG crashed into a police barracks, killing the pilot and at least seven policemen, police said. One newspaper reported today that 12 policemen were killed. More than 20 other policemen and one child also were badly burned in the Friday evening crash, newspapers said.

Rajiv in Syria

DAMASCUS, June 4. (AP) Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi arrived in Damascus today for a three-day official visit to Syria. He was met at the airport by Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud El Zuhri and was driven to the official Tishrin guest palace, where he met briefly with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

Rajiv, making his first official visit to Syria, and Al Assad will have talks on various topics.

Transfer of F-16s

ROME, June 4. (Reuters) The Italian cabinet has approved a plan to transfer 72 US F-16 fighter-bombers from Spain to Italy, Southern Affairs Minister, Remo Gaspari said today. Gaspari told reporters, as he left a cabinet meeting still in progress, that the ministers had approved a proposal by Defence Minister Valerio Zanone to transfer the nuclear-capable planes to an Italian base within the next three years.

Marlboro

20 CLASS A CIGARETTES

GOVERNMENT WARNING: SMOKING IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER AND DISEASES OF THE LUNGS, HEART AND ARTERIES.

Ershad dissolves polls reform commission

DHAKA, June 4. (Reuters) The Bangladesh government of President Hussain Muhammad Ershad dissolved an election reforms commission today after accusing it of bias, the official BSS news agency reported.

The agency carried an official announcement saying the election reforms commission of Justice Badrul Hyder Chowdhury, set up after widespread violence and cheating during March 3 parliamentary elections, had been dismantled.

Prime Minister Maudood Ahmed told parliament on Thursday that Chowdhury had expressed bias in an interview with a pro-government news paper.

The judge blamed the civil administration for poor turnout in the March elections because it failed to maintain neutrality in polls.

Ballots

"Only the free and fair exercise of ballots can stop use of bullets in the elections," he said in the interview.

Chowdhury's remarks appeared to endorse charges by Ershad's opponents that the ruling Jatiya Party had won the elections by terror tactics and ballot stuffing.

He was due to submit his report on electoral reform to Ershad on June 30.

Moscow stops exporting communism, says Hammer

NEW YORK, June 4. (Reuters) US industrialist Armand Hammer, who has long worked to improve links between Moscow and Washington, says he believes the Soviet Union has stopped exporting communism.

In an essay in today's New York Times, Hammer wrote that the Russians should be believed when they say they intend to seek solutions to regional conflicts, as the accord that led to the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan has shown.

"The (Afghan) model will work only if the Soviet Union has genuinely turned away from the policy of exporting communism," Hammer said. "I believe it has."

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has committed himself to making socialism, not communism, work in his country by raising the Soviet standard of living, Hammer said.

"In the three years since Gorbachev has acceded to power, the Soviet Union has engaged in no new adventures around the globe, it has fomented no new conflicts in the Third World, it has sent no 'military advisers' to developing trouble spots," he said.

Hammer sketched the background of the Afghan peace pact and the role he played as

mediator between US, Soviet and Pakistani sides in the negotiations.

"I was very glad to play a part in the events leading to the signing April 14 of the Geneva accords on Afghanistan and have the privilege to see—close-up and at first hand—the development of trust and understanding between Moscow and Washington that led to that historic agreement."

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher says that Gorbachev has to reform his country because his people could no longer endure the arms burden.

Afghan President visits Moscow

KABUL, June 4. (AP) President Najib left for Moscow last night with the selection of a new government still undisclosed, eight days after announcing his choice for a prime minister and instructing him to form a cabinet.

The composition of a new government rests with the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan. The lack of haste in announcing new ministers has prompted speculation in diplomatic circles here that there are either divisions within the party or efforts were being made to bring in outsiders who could at least nominally be considered opposition members.

Najib is continuing on to New York to address the United Nations and later to Cuba. As he received a red-carpet sendoff at Kabul airport, complete with military band and honour guard, he shook hands with members of his government and diplomats and was asked by a reporter why the announcement of a cabinet was taking so long.

"It is not too late," the burly, 41-year-old former secret police commander said. "After two days, everything will be solved."

The departure was marked by the secrecy that surrounds official government ceremonies in a country wracked by war for

the past decade.

Although government officials had said they expected Najib to fly to Moscow on Saturday morning, they suddenly disclosed last night that the President would leave within hours. Some officials at the ceremony said they received only three hours' notice.

The airport was guarded by Soviet troops as well as Afghan security forces. The Soviets started withdrawing troops from Afghanistan nearly three weeks ago, heralding the end of their military intervention that began in 1979 to prop up a pro-Moscow government.

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Al Houti defends high construction costs

THE Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Al Houti in an interview with a local daily said the high construction costs in the country were due to several factors: the high cost of living, design fees, high profit margins and different safety stipulations demanded by the various authorities.

However, he said, design costs of government projects and buildings were always kept under control, but inflated design costs were reflected in private buildings, such as residences which had to cater to the personal designs of the proprietors. In all cases, only efficient and professional consultants were assigned

to design to ensure the safety of the buildings under construction.

He disclosed that a government committee was being formed with representatives from the Kuwait Society of Engineers and various ministries and specialised agencies for the task of rectifying existing faults in buildings and projects and for introducing necessary amendments.

Further, a special committee had been formed comprising the Kuwait Society of Engineers, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait University, Ministry of Public Works, National Housing Authority and the Ministry of Public

Works, National Housing Authority and the Ministry of Electricity and Water to review the existing specifications which are 20 years old.

Cooperation
He lauded the existing cooperation between Kuwait and its GCC sister states and added that studies were currently underway to determine the possibility of unifying specifications of building materials and upgrading the level of inter-GCC cooperation in the construction and building field and unifying costs along with the increased use of locally available construction materials with a view to industrialise the construction business.

Plan to raise social allowance

A LOCAL daily reported that Kuwait's Public Institution for Social Security was studying the possibility of increasing the social allowance for retirees. It added that the institution had noted the current social allowance was insufficient and the relevant report would be referred to the cabinet for approval.

Additionally, the daily added that the institution would in this connection inform the Minister of Finance, Jassem Al Khorafi, in his capacity as chairman of PISC's board of directors.

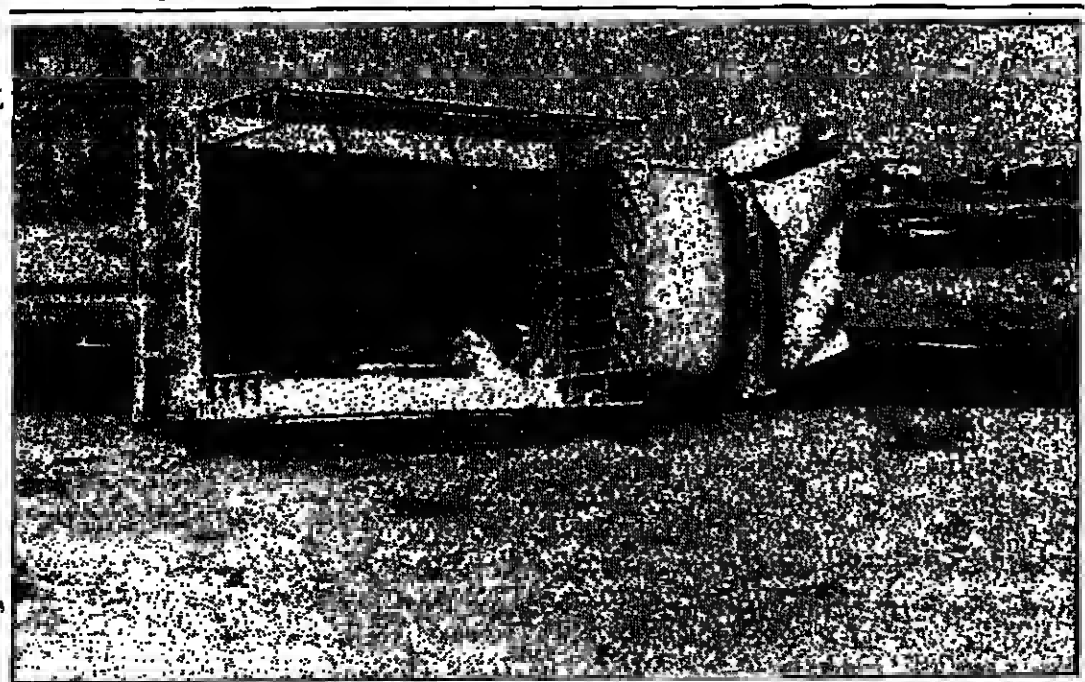
It added that the report to be submitted to the minister would also suggest an additional allowance for children of retirees born after July 31, 1985.

The daily added that PISC decided to grant an advance of two salaries to retirees to cover the Eid expenses.

Hashish smugglers arrested

A KUWAITI daily reported yesterday that CID men in the Firdous area had arrested drivers of Turkish long vehicles after finding hashish and heroin inside the vehicles. It added that customs men at the borders centre knew of the existence of these substances, but they pretended not to see them in order to follow them and trace back to the sources that distribute and sell the smuggled drugs.

Meanwhile, a young man was killed in the Jahra area on Friday morning. Security sources said that the brothers killed the victim when they had found him in their house alone with their sister. They killed him with a screwdriver and then wrapped him in a cover before throwing him on the road. The sources added that the victim died at the intensive care unit of the hospital.



● A speeding automobile and a vanette recently collided on the 5th Ring Road, damaging both. Picture shows the overturned vanette lying on the pavement. (Photo by Javed Basra)

Malaysian pilgrims assured of no trouble during haj

KUALA LUMPUR, June 4. (Kunay) Saudi Arabian Ambassador here Sheikh Fuad Abdul Hamid Al Khatib has assured Malaysian pilgrims that there will be no trouble during this year's pilgrimage to Makkah.

He said his government will use all means to prevent a recurrence of the 1987 incident when Saudi security forces and Iranian pilgrims clashed in Islam's holiest city in which more than 400 people were killed.

He stressed that his government would not discount the use of force to prevent anybody from holding political demonstrations in the holy city.

Reduced

"Haj is haj, there is no place for political demonstrations in Makkah."

"If the Iranians want to hold a demonstration, they can do so in their own country," Sheikh Fuad

Administrative reform progressing satisfactorily

FADEL YAQOOB, director of the Marketing and Ancillary Services Department at the Ministry of Communications, has said that the administrative development process was progressing satisfactorily and that the ministry was continuously trying to upgrade the level of its services, speed up the measures preceding the provision of public services, and reduce charges.

He said that the ministry had reduced the annual telefax charges, installation costs and overseas fees, particularly calls made to GCC countries, as part of efforts to unify the cost of telecommunications services, including telefax facilities.

He said that the cost reduction had been made in favour of the

service-users and beneficiaries and that a special ministerial decision had been issued in this respect, reducing the cost per minute of, for example, a call from Kuwait to Bahrain from 540 fils to 300 fils and to Jordan from 800 fils to 400 fils.

He noted that plans were being made to provide subscribers with yet another new service, which would help those with telefax facilities to receive bulletins on the forthcoming Olympic Games in Seoul, by dialling a special code number — 801/1985.

He added that due to renovation work, functions at the Salmiya Telecommunications Centre had been suspended. The improvements being made would result in increased speed and efficiency of services to subscribers.

New substance invented

FUAD FAHAD AL TUKHAIM, a Kuwaiti civil engineer in an interview with a local daily, disclosed that he had invented a new substance to provide fuel tanks with explosion-resistant coating. The application of this coating, he said, would prevent outbreaks of fire resulting from car accidents or acts of sabotage, or even, shots at military or civilian aircraft.

He went on to state that the substance would not dissolve in any fuel or fuel derivative and would be effective regardless of time. The only precaution was that the container or tanks coated with the substance should

remain closely sealed.

He commented, that he was successful after he had performed exhaustive studies and was determined to be successful as he believed it to be his national duty to prevent disastrous damages resulting from such causes. He added that many attempts to produce similar material in Canada and other Western countries met with failure and that 90 per cent of the countries having relations with Kuwait could provide the material needed. He added by saying that the newly developed substance could also be used in ordinary household gas cylinders.

Brunei and Dubai sign flights accord

DUBAI, June 4. (Reuters) Brunei will operate two flights a week to Dubai, its first Gulf destination, from July under an accord to be signed tomorrow, officials said today.

They said Dubai Civil Aviation head Muhyiddin Bin Hindi and Brunei Communication Ministry Undersecretary Datu Abdullah had held discussions about the agreement.



● Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah (right) Governor of the Capital yesterday received at his office the Spanish Ambassador to Kuwait. Talks between the Kuwaiti official and the ambassador dealt with issues of mutual interest.

Concern over waste

DR Aji Mohamad Al Damkhi, assistant professor at the health sciences college, stated that organic and inorganic wastes caused by populations are of grave concern and are accorded serious consideration by most governments in advanced countries. The disposal of inorganic wastes, in particular, has been the centre of several resolutions to prevent environmental pollution in the process of waste treatment.

Project
He went on to state that the government of Kuwait had issued legislative directives on methods to gather, store and dispose wastes. Several studies had been conducted in this respect by Kuwait Municipality, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and the Environmental Protection Council.

These studies encompassed the technical and economical

feasibilities for the treatment of wastes. The present study being conducted is expected to conclude in late summer of 1988. From then on, effective planning and implementation of the project would take at least a year to a year and half according to Al Damkhi.

The wastes treatment project, he said, aims at establishing utilities to separate inorganic wastes such as glass, paper, metals, plastics, and wood from organic wastes. The latter are used in the manufacture of fertilizers to be used in agriculture.

Kuwait, he disclosed, had a daily waste average of 2700 tons and expected this figure to increase by the year 2000 to 4000 tons. One ton of waste costs Kuwait Municipality KD3 to remove. This does not include the costs of waste cars, operations and trash transportation he said.

Telecommunications protocol signed

A PROTOCOL on following up implementation of the agreement concluded between Kuwait and East Germany in the field of telecommunications was signed yesterday by delegations representing the Communications Ministry and East Germany.

An official source of the Ministry of Communications said the protocol includes a number of topics relating to cooperation between the two countries in the field of technical training and the exchange of data, technology and visits.

The head of the German delegation lauded the progress realised by Kuwait in the field of telecommunications and expressed belief that there is an opportunity for developing joint projects in the fields of scientific research and development.

Pay telephone bills within one week

AN official source at Kuwait's Ministry of Communications has said telephone service will be disconnected if overdue bills were not paid within one week of notification from the ministry. He added that telephone service would be totally cancelled if subscribers failed to pay overdue bills within 60 days of disconnected service.

The source added that all overdue bills should be settled for the 1987-1988 fiscal year and that final payments should be made before leaving the country for summer holidays.

The source said that the ministry would transfer the subscribers' telephone number in the Mahboula area from the Riqqa Central to Mangaf effective Sunday, May 29, because of technical reasons. He added that the ministry would notify subscribers involved in the transfer.

Kidnapping attempt suspect goes on trial

AN Asian is being tried by the Hawalli prosecution department on charges of attempted kidnapping.

The owner of a grocery shop in Jleeb Al Shiyukh noticed the suspect trying to lure a small child with a toy. The suspect picked up the child and proceeded to run, duly chased by the shop-owner. However, the suspect threatened to hurt the child with an iron instrument he was carrying if pursued. The shop-owner with the help of a Kuwaiti citizen succeeded in apprehending the suspect and safely recovered the child. The suspect was turned over to the Jleeb Al Shiyukh police station.

The father of the child interviewed the suspect to determine the cause of his action. However, the suspect acted in a manner which gave the father the impression that the accused was mentally deranged. The parent has called on the Ministry of Interior to intensify police patrols in the area particularly, as a large community of Asian bachelors live there and called for relocation of the bachelors away from family residential areas.

72 haj caravans

ABDUL RAHMAN AL FARES, the assistant under-secretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs for pilgrims and mosques said the ministry issued 72 licences to Kuwaiti citizens to operate pilgrimage caravans for the current year. He added, that caravans would go either directly to Makkah or to Medina and then on to Makkah.

The ministry has set up two committees to inspect buildings in Makkah and Medina where the pilgrims will be housed. One committee will ensure that these buildings meet with the criteria determined by the ministry and will ratify the rent contracts. The committee has left for Saudi Arabia for this purpose.

The second committee will supervise the services offered to pilgrims by owners of the caravans. The ministry will also appoint religious instructors to

guide pilgrims perform rites during the course of the pilgrimage, Al Fares said.

Statistically speaking, he said 16,728 pilgrims from Kuwait performed haj last year of which 7419 were Kuwaitis and 5804 non-Kuwaitis. The number of caravans involved in transporting these pilgrims were 56.

The committee authorised to supervise the services to pilgrims monitors the services offered by the caravan owners and in cases of violations, either issues warnings, confiscates some or all the insurance amount (KD8000) deposited in the ministry's account, and/or ban the owner from future operations for a maximum period of 3 years. However, the ministry does not interfere with the prices determined by caravan owners. These prices vary as per the quality of services, he said.

Kisr registers 4 patents in US

DR Khairiya Ali Al Zid, the acting director of the Petroleum and Petrochemical department at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in an interview with a local daily disclosed that KISR had acquired an international reputation by successfully registering four important patents in the United States of America.

She went on to state, that one related to the development of a plastic film which is widely used in several countries. The institute, she said, is conducting feasibility studies on marketing the product. She estimated the returns from this patent to be in the vicinity of millions of dollars.

Dr Al Zid, added that the American Patent Office granted the patent to the institute on the development of agricultural plastic film for slow release of dissoluble plant food. The patent was jointly accredited to Drs Saad Akasha, Shawqi Lahabih and Farouq Al Hajar respectively. Several other patents are in the pipeline for registration, she said.

Commenting on the invention, the acting director explained that plastic films are used to protect agricultural soils in many countries. These films stop growth of wild plants, cut down water evaporation and prevents soils erosion caused by wind and water. She added that the existing method of removing plastic foils at the end of each season is costly and the new invention circumvents this, as it has the ability to dissolve into feed for plants — thus eliminating the need for farmers to remove them.

In a related development, she said, that other patents were granted for pollution prevention, obtaining a high purity factor of the liquid paraffine reaching to 99.99 per cent which is used for the manufacture of chemical stabilisers, medicines and animal foods. Further, another patent was granted for developing an improved method for chemically preparing Riting condensers for softening concrete and with a higher fluidity factor.



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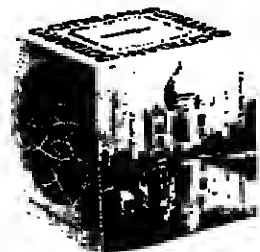
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CBK photography competition

THE Commercial Bank of Kuwait is making preparations for the Third Open Photography Competition which is open to national and international photographers.

The main objective, is to improve and enhance the standard of photography in Kuwait by innovative concepts on various environmental and cultural backgrounds from all over the world.

This year's joint sponsors are Nasser Al Sayer Sons Est (Toyota) and Kuwait Regency Palace. Prizes and contributions have been offered by Kuwait Airways Corporation, Boushahri Colour Film Co., Photo & Cine, Jashanmal & Partners Ltd, Al Ajel International, Ashraf & Co. Ltd, Studio 1, Al Alamiah Co., and Abdul Aziz Anwar & Partners Co. Ltd.

A committee of international and local experts will judge the pictures. The judges are David Watt, Editor, Professional Photographer, UK; Amir Ahmed Ali, head of the Photography Section, Ministry of Education, Kuwait; Dr Kamal Ahmad Sharif, Professor of Photography, Public Authority of Applied Education and Training,

Kuwait and Mark Williams, Arab Times, Commercial Studio, Kuwait. Entry forms are available at all 35 branches of the bank, sponsors and photographic companies.

A brochure will be published comprising the prize winning pictures

and information on the participating companies and firms. The bank will organise an exhibition of the prize winning pictures at Kuwait Regency Palace.

The deadline for acceptance of entry forms is July 31.



Use of Arabic as an official language by Asosai

Kuwait wants its proposal to be accepted

KUALA LUMPUR, June 4, (Kuna): Kuwait is determined to see its proposal that Arabic as an official language of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (Asosai) is accepted and approved by the 4th Asosai assembly and seminar in Bali, Indonesia next week.

"This is vital to us and we have good ground to fight the issue," the president of the state audit bureau of Kuwait, Faris Abdulrahman Al Wagayan told Kuna in an exclusive interview today.

Confident
He said just before departure for Bali at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Subang, 15 km from here that the proposal is not only important to Kuwait but also to other member countries of the Arab bloc.

"At present about seven Arab states are members of Asosai which represent almost one-third of the memberships of the

organisation.
"I am confident if our proposal on the language issue is accepted by the assembly, more Arab countries in the Asian region will eventually join Asosai," he said.
He said Kuwait would not mind if its request could not be implemented during the deliberations of the Bali assembly to be declared open by President Suharto on Monday.

Assured
"What we are interested is that our language proposal is approved by the assembly and will be implemented during the next assembly and thereafter," he added.

Faris said he is happy that the Asosai secretary-general Ishak Tadin who is also the Malaysian auditor-general has assured that he will do his best to the request.

He agreed that the positive reaction from the secretary-general towards Kuwait's proposal

will be an advantage.

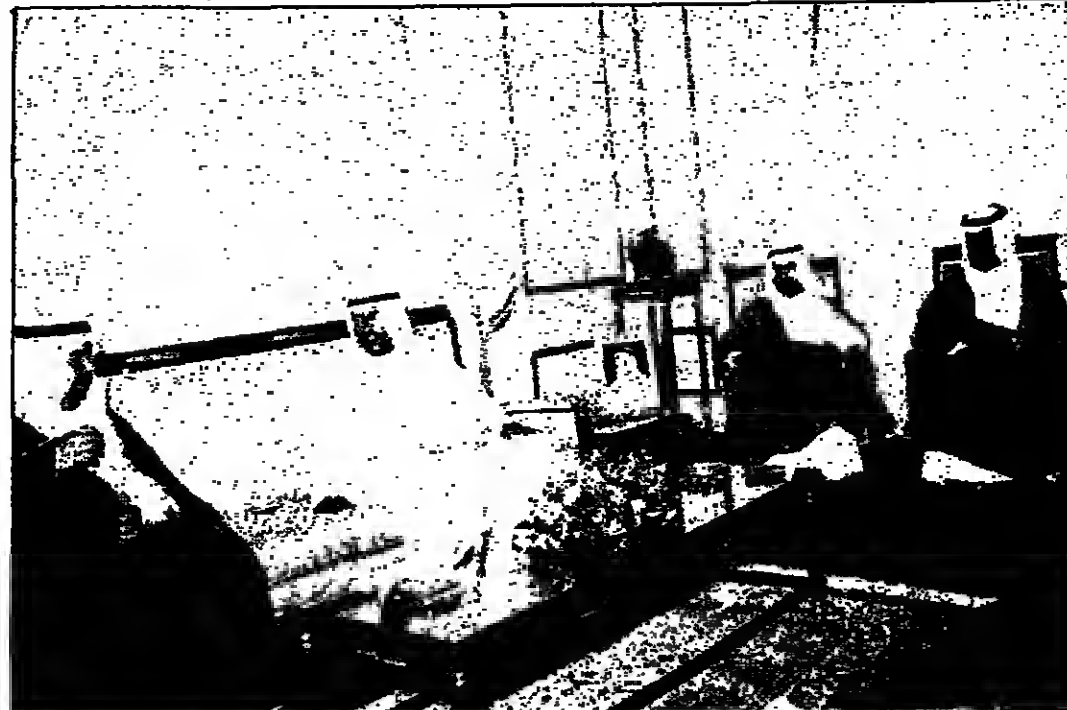
He added Kuwait had been given the mandate by the Arab bloc in Asosai to present the case.

The other Arab countries involved are Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Iraq, Jordan and South Yemen. Qatar had applied to be a member.

Faris and two members of his delegation spent three days here as official guests of the Malaysian government. Two other members of his team joined him last night.

The five-member delegation are: Faris (leader), assistant under-secretary of the audit bureau, Salman Bilal Mohammed, director of the president's office, Ahmad Hassan Al-Zawawi, director, under-secretary's office, Mohammed M. Samarah and controller of the revenues division, Mishari S.B. Al Sabih.

They are expected to be in Bali for a week.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah (second left) yesterday received at his office the visiting Bahraini delegation. Present at the meeting was the Governor of Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah (second right).

Red carpet welcome for Waldheim in Saudi Arabia

JEDDAH, June 4, (AP): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim arrived Saturday on a state visit, but the rest of a planned Gulf tour was temporarily scrapped because of an Arab summit conference on the Palestinian problem.

Leaders of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, who were to receive him in their capitals, were leaving for the summit which is opening in Algiers on Tuesday.

Diplomatic sources said Waldheim would make his visits to the neighbouring Gulf Arab states at a future date yet to be decided.

The Saudi monarch, King Fahd, will fly to the Algerian capital just as Waldheim is concluding his three-day visit to the kingdom.

King Fahd and his Crown Prince Abdullah were on hand to give a red carpet welcome to Waldheim at the King Abdul-Aziz International Airport.

Boister
Waldheim, who was preceded in Saudi Arabia in March by Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, is seeking to bolster cooperation between the two countries.

Saudi Arabia is Austria's third non-European trade partner after the United States and Japan.

Waldheim affirmed in an interview published in the English-language Saudi paper Arab News that his country welcomed Arab investments and that a recently concluded Saudi-Austrian agreement on economic

cooperation has raised great expectations of a further intensification of ties.

He also urged an early end to the Arab-Israeli dispute and the 7-1/2-year-old Iraq-Iran war on the basis of UN resolutions.

Recognise
"For many years Austria has been in the forefront of advocating a policy toward the Middle East which is based on justice and understanding for the legitimate rights and aspirations of all the peoples in the area," he said.

Waldheim said Austria was among the first countries in Western Europe to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the representative of the Palestinian people.

His visit came in the wake of the US-Soviet summit in Moscow and as US Secretary of State George Shultz is touring the Middle East to promote plans for a phased settlement that would include an international peace conference.

Austria reportedly would be ready to host such a conference.

Supporter
While Austria is acknowledged in this region as a supporter of Arab stands, one controversial point is that it is a transiting station for Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union to Israel.

The Arabs oppose attempts to increase the size of the Jewish population there because of the unsettled Palestinian problem.

The issue was expected to figure in Waldheim's talks with King Fahd, but the Austrian

President already had defended his country in earlier interviews by saying most of the Jews transit to the United States, not to Israel.

The trip to Saudi Arabia is Waldheim's fourth state visit since he was elected in June 1986, following ones to the Vatican, Jordan and Pakistan, and he has an standing invitation to visit Iran.

Waldheim has been stung by other countries because of his controversial wartime past.

Victim
He is accused of doing nothing to prevent war crimes when in the Balkans as a Second Lieutenant in the German Army during World War II, and of possibly being guilty of wartime atrocities — charges he has consistently denied.

Arab news media and some Arab leaders believe he is the victim of a campaign by Zionists because of his pro-Arab stands.

Arab news said "to date no specific proof has emerged to lend any credence to the allegations and accusations raised by the so-called 'seekers of truth'."

Waldheim said his military records had been under investigation by the permanent members of the Security Council before he became UN Secretary-General.

"Obviously they could not find anything objectionable with my military record which was always known," he said.

Waldheim is accompanied by Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Alois Mock and other officials.

Health Ministry to go ahead with extended work hours

A LOCAL newspaper had quoted well-informed sources at the Ministry of Public Health as saying that the minister Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq intends to go ahead with the enforcement of the extended hours decision at all health centres. Official working hours would consequently be 7-1/2 daily including Thursdays, official holidays, shifts and Fridays.

The paper added, the minister's initiative was aimed at overcoming existing problems caused to patients at the centres. The decision to enforce the new work-hours was irrevocable it added.

However, sources at the health centres said doctors planned to lodge a protest at the minister's

initiative for causing them undue hardships due to the increased work hours.

Meantime, Dr Hussein Momen, the head of the school health department in an interview with a local daily said the department had laid down procedures and forms for medical check-ups by secondary education graduates seeking admission to the university.

He said, applicants were expected to exceed 18,000 and that special arrangements had been made to facilitate medical check-ups. Medical check-ups would be given to three categories of students, the first covered students wishing to complete their university studies abroad, the second for students

completing their university studies in Kuwait on special grants from public institutions and the third, for those seeking enrolment at the University of Kuwait or at one of the many institutes of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.

This categorisation of students into groups was necessitated, he said, due to the various types of medical tests required by various international universities — including a free from AIDS certificate.

In concluding, Momen called on all students to prepare the necessary documents for their medical check-ups which should include among others, health files, red-TB card and three photos.

Zanzibar seeks Gulf aid

ZANZIBAR, June 4, (Reuters): Zanzibar President Idris Abdul Wakil leaves on Sunday for official visits to Oman and the United Arab Emirates to discuss Arab aid for his island's ailing economy.

Zanzibar and its sister island Pemba were ruled by Oman in the 19th century, but they have been federated with mainland Tanganyika since 1964 in the United Republic of Tanzania.

The islands formerly earned a good income from clove exports, but world prices for the spice have declined drastically, plunging Zanzibar into economic crisis.

Oman has agreed to finance an extension of Zanzibar's airport runway as part of a drive to open up tourism and the UAE is helping to rehabilitate some of the island's roads.

Wakil has already visited the Gulf four times since he became President of Zanzibar's autonomous government in 1985.

Liquor gang arrested

A LOCAL daily yesterday reported that security men apprehended several members of a local gang accused of smuggling and trading in liquor. The accused posed as shipping agents of a firm involved in the shipment of alcohol. Security men arrested the gang while unloading the contraband from the ship in Kuwait's territorial waters. The accused have been referred to the investigation authorities.

Dr Badria Al Awadi wins UNEP award

GENEVA, June 4, (Kuna): Dr Badria Al Awadi of Kuwait is one of 94 individuals singled out by the United Nations Environment Programme for "outstanding environmental achievements."

Announcing the honour tonight UNEP's executive director Dr Mostafa Tolba said that Dr Al Awadi was nominated for her work with the Kuwait-based regional office for the Protection of the Marine Environment.

Dr Tolba noted that she was the technical and administrative co-ordinator of the Kuwait action plan against marine pollution.

Personalities in 58 other countries were also named in the ceremony, held on the eve of World Environment Day, June 5.

Their names were added to UNEP's "Global 500 Role of Honour" a list the UN agency plans to complete drawing up by 1991 of 500 people who had played a major role in environmental issues.

The recipients this year included tree planters in rural Asia, environmental campaigners in Europe, conservation lobbyists in North America and wildlife experts in Africa.

Another person from the Arab Gulf listed in the award ceremony was Dr Mohammed Saeed Al Haffar of Qatar University, who was praised for developing a basic environmental education curriculum now mandatory for all Qatari University students.

He had made 50 videos on environmental protection which were televised regularly in the

Gulf region and which had helped to raise official and public awareness there of the issues, Dr Tolba said.

Meanwhile, the winner of a separate award, the Sankawa Environment Prize, was tonight named by UNEP as King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, in his capacity as chairman of the royal commission for Juhail and Yanbu.

The 50,000 dollars prize was given because the development of the two cities was considered by UNEP to be "environmentally sound" with both being "model towns of our time."

The prize was being shared between the king and an environmentalist organisation, the World Commission on Environment and Development, UNEP said.

Iraqi finance minister in UAE

ABU DHABI, June 4, (Reuters): Iraqi Finance Minister Hikmat Al Hadithi arrived in the UAE today for a meeting of a joint cooperation committee.

He said the committee, established in 1976, would consider ways of boosting economic, trade and industrial cooperation between Iraq and the UAE.

Omani envoy

JUSTICE and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Al Othman yesterday received Oman's Ambassador to Kuwait Abdullah Bin Mohammed Al Kharousi.

Cordial talks were exchanged on the occasion of the end of Al Kharousi's mission here.

Jordan welcomes new Kuwaiti envoy

AMMAN, June 4, (Kuna): Jordan today welcomed the appointment of a new Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan.

Official sources here today told Kuna that a royal decree approved the nomination of Sulaiman Al Fassam as an ambassador and plenipotentiary for Kuwait to Jordan, succeeding Ibrahim Jassam Al Bahou who was transferred to Baghdad, as an ambassador.

Al Fassam has occupied several high diplomatic posts at the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry, the last of which was ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

Rainbow game death probe

INVESTIGATIONS are presently underway to determine the cause of death of an Asian girl who succumbed to her injuries sustained from a fall from the rainbow game machine at Doha Entertainment City last evening. The girl died on her way to the hospital.

Sheikh Ibrahim to tour Jordanian agricultural projects

AMMAN, June 4, (Kuna): Board chairman and director general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij will arrive here today for a week-long official visit to Jordan at the invitation of the Jordanian government.

On Sunday Sheikh Ibrahim will start a tour of a number of agricultural projects in the Jordanian valley, close to the occupied West Bank as it is considered the main agricultural

area in Jordan.

Duaij will be accompanied by a number of officials from the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture during the tour that aims at getting acquainted with the up-to-date methods in agriculture. He will tour the different installations of the Jordanian company for marketing and processing the agricultural products.

The official talks between Sheikh Ibrahim and ranking officials will begin next Wednesday on the cooperation between Kuwait and Jordan in agricultural fields and means of boosting them.

Following the talks, Sheikh Ibrahim will continue his tour of the southern parts of Jordan to get acquainted with the agricultural activities in that region.

Cultural session

THE labour cultural institute yesterday continued the eighth cultural session for the second week.

Mohammed Al Dafrawi director of International Labour Organisation's office in Kuwait lectured on how the organisation commenced and discussed its aims.

Legal advisor in the Kuwait Workers Union Ahmed Mahmoud Suleiman spoke too about social security.

The deliberations ended when participants discussed the situation of the Kuwait trade union's movement.

Participants will meet Sunday with Thabit Al Haroun, secretary of the Kuwait Workers Union in a lecture concerning the rights of workers and ways of accomplishing them.

Abdulla Al Abdely the technical assistant at the applied Education Public Authority will also address the audience on vocational training in Kuwait.

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Amiri audiences

HH the Amir received yesterday HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The Amir also received Ambassador of Oman to Kuwait who took permission to leave the country, ending his diplomatic mission here.

The Amir received the Education Minister and acting Minister of Higher Education, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri who presented to the Amir the newly appointed deputy Director General for the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Hmad Fahd Saud.

The Amir received the State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, who introduced to the Amir the new Director General of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Dr Ahmed Ali Abdul Latif Al Jassar.

The Amir received the chairman of the Asian Olympic Council and honorary president of the Kuwait Fencing Association, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who presented to the Amir board chairman and members of the association on the occasion of winning the first place in the second Asian championship for beginners, which was recently held in Hong Kong.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at his office of the Council of Ministers yesterday the Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, the Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister Abdullah Al Nouri.

Sheikh Saad also received State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed accompanied by Dr Ahmed Ali Al Jassar on the occasion of his appointment.

Sheikh Saad received Governor of Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Al Sabah Al Salem, board chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Greece Saleh Mohammed Al Saleh and Omani Ambassador to Kuwait Abdullah Mohammed Al Kharousi on the occasion of end of his tenure here and to take permission to leave.

Sheikh Saad also received Sheikh Rashed Bin Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Sheikh Ali Bin Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and Sheikh Salman Bin Mohammed Bin Salman Al Khalifa on the occasion of their visit to the country.

The meeting was attended by the Governor of Ahmadi, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem and the Bahraini ambassador to Kuwait.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Hope replaces insecurity

A KUWAITI daily Al Rai Al Aam said in an editorial yesterday that those who have believed that the Iraqi-Iranian war will weaken the principles of Iraq are erroneous.

Iraq is mightier, the newspaper continued and said Iraq's consequent victories have effected the differences among Arabs where hope takes the place of insecurity.

Al Rai Al Aam stated that Iraq is living a new stage after the war although, belligerence is still continuing. All powers have gathered to strengthen the Iraqi warriors and consolidate the stages of Iraq's steadfastness.

The newspaper ended its commentary by saying that the major point is that Iraqi people are living a new era after confiding in their leader Saddam Hussein who has confidence in his people's will to change.

Bahrain supports Kuwaiti stand: Muayyid

BAHRAIN'S Information Minister, Tariq Al Muayyid, was quoted yesterday as saying that Bahrain's stance is all the way with Kuwait and affirmed the depth of the relationship between the two GCC states.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper, Muayyid said that Bahrain's political stances are always in line with those of Kuwait, and that was clear during the hijack of the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jabery last April.

Regarding the next Gulf summit conference, which is scheduled to take place in Bahrain next December, the minister affirmed that such kind of conferences is in favour of the people of the region.

Mukhtars' committee meets

THE Minister of Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, yesterday held a meeting with the members of the committee for mukhtars affairs and discussed the work plans.

During the meeting the minister discussed various proposals and projects and reviewed the progress made so far in various localities supervised by the mukhtars. He also called for greater cooperation between the

residents and the executive authorities in different parts of the state.

Later the minister of interior received a delegation comprising members of the board of the bank labour unions.

The minister also received the Iraqi Minister to Kuwait, Asim Yaqub Yousuf and exchanged views with him on matters of bilateral interest in the two brotherly countries.

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Boushahri Gallery
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THEATRE

Bengali Cultural Society

The Society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 9, 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The play is part of celebration of the 40th Indian independence anniversary. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 5621379.

KLT

KLT's musical Brigadoon will be performed at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8 and 9. Tickets - KD3; children - KD2. For reservations ring 3983724.

SOCIAL

Pakistan Youth Association

A mushaira will be held on June 9 at the home of Asim Naushad in Salmiya. The former counsellor of Pakistan to Kuwait, Abdul Haque, will preside. Chief guests are Ustad Qam Amrohi and Ghulam Wafa Sahri. For details phone 2410997.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held on June 5, Sunday, from 10 am, at the Kuwait Hilton's Old Fialaka Room. All German speakers are welcome.

Saaz aur Awaz

An Indian music group presents "Geeton Bhari Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funaitees, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 after 5 pm.

NRI Meeting

The Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Annual General Meeting will be held at IAC, Funaitees, on June 7, 7.45 pm. All NRI members and their wives are welcome. State Bank of India officials will give a talk on capital markets. A complimentary dinner will follow.

Contact
The next meeting of the ladies information group - Contact, will be held on June 11, from 10 am, at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

Badesik Re-union

The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait, Badesik, will hold an Eid re-union and a cultural programme, with dinner, on Friday, June 10, at the Meridien's Banquet Hall. All Bangladeshi diploma engineers can take part. Tel: Altafur Rahman - 9015166; Ansar Ali - 4571603.

D'Aussili Association

The association will hold a social - cum-entertainment evening on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Rank and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am. 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

United Goans Centre

The UGC will hold their annual "Summer Belle '88" contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

Kuwait Players Ball

Kuwait Players "end of season ball" on Thursday, June 9, KD7 per person. For details phone 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

Kuwait Players

Annual general meeting is on Sunday, June 5, 7.30 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 4843447.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.14 am
Zuhr	11.46
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.45
Isha	8.16

Brought down by Brigadoon

By Keith Wells

IF you believe in magic and miracles, then you might like "Brigadoon", and if you believe hard enough, then the second act might consist of wonderful performances of a marvellous musical, beautifully sung, brilliantly choreographed and danced and acted with great skill and talent.

I say "might" because I didn't wait to find out. The first act was enough for me. Yes, I know it was a naughty thing to do, flee into the peaceful night like a scalded cat, but really, there was no alternative.

For a start, Brigadoon is a profoundly silly story about

deeply creepy people. They all live in some mythical village in a sentimentalised Scotland, and only come to life every hundred years, which is far too frequent for my taste. It's a sort of tweddy twedness that turns the stomach.

If that wasn't enough, the actual production was worse. The songs were mediocre, but so were the singers. Where is the pleasure or entertainment in listening to voices singing off key, weakly? Judith Whyte was the one exception, although, as I said earlier, it's possible that the second half is filled with glorious voices and fabulous songs.

The production adhered to

the Women's Institute-School of Choreography and Dance, the occasional sway from side to side, and at moments of high passion, both arms flung up as if throwing out a bag of garbage with a flourish. This unedifying spectacle was made more embarrassing by the fact that the majority of the ladies on stage were far too old to be playing lissome young lasses, at least in public before a paying audience. Every time a song loomed threateningly over the plot, I found myself cringing with embarrassment and looking anywhere but at the stage.

Another problem was the use of accents. Clive Jacques, normally a fine actor, and Stephen Morris, were supposed to be

Americans, so assumed voices that swung from cracker-barrel Kansas to Brooklyn bum and back into homely English roughly three times per sentence. The rest of the cast are supposed to be Scots, but their accents gang aft agley.

It's all a shame and a pity. I wanted my last review to be nice, and upbeat and positive, and indeed, the sets were beautifully painted, but really, this show should have been cancelled to avoid embarrassment all round. Mind you, to be fair, the first night audience did seem to enjoy parts of it, so perhaps I've made a terrible mistake. Maybe you should all go and see for yourselves...you can always leave at half time!

By Fathima Ahmed

THE melodious notes of Manzoor Khan's basant flute set the sublime mood of the Bengali Cultural Society's first Hindi play Bichhan (The Seed), performed on Thursday and Friday at the Mousetrap Theatre.

The Bengali Indians lived up to their tradition of cultural excellence and put up one of the best productions made by any Indian group in Kuwait. Their production was near professional, marred only by the constraints of space, forcing them to improvise by dividing the stage into four sets. By clever use of light, background music and sound, they overcame the obvious difficulties. Though this called for a pause between scenes, it did not affect the overall impact of the play.

All performers displayed flashes of brilliance, particularly Dipankar Chakraborty, who had the most difficult role of all. He plays Dulan, a coward, a man of straw, torn between right and wrong; putting up with evil to protect his children. Dulan makes a compromise and pays a heavy price.

Dipankar manages to evoke sympathy for Dulan, through thick and thin, by getting under the skin of the character. This is rarely seen on the amateur stage in Kuwait; Indian or European. By the end of the play, the emotional conflict of Dulan seemed to have taken a toll of "Dipankar": he looked tired by curtain call. Yet, he did not falter.

Keka Mukherjee as Basni, Dulan's wife, provides ample support, affecting you with her simple dream of having "a proper meal with hhat (rice)," coaxing her husband to do

Art for art's sake



A time to win favours: Dulan (Dipankar Chakraborty, left) with Deota Singh (Satya Chakraborty)

"something better than play henchman to Singh."

Swapan Dasgupta as Lachman Singh rises to the occasion, suppressing, oppressing and generally playing the devil's advocate. Despite Singh, you admire Dasgupta's interpretation of the character.

The crux of the play, based on Mahasweta Devi's story, is when Dulan realises his folly after Karan, a rebel, disappears. "I am too weak to speak out; I want you to stand up for all our sakes," he tells Karan, a rebel with a cause.

And so, "Karan becomes a

story," "a song" and finally a "seed" from which Dulan hopes to grow enough food to feed the hungry. The play is a scathing comment on the disparity between the haves and the have-nots.

Director Himansu Bhaumik, following the crisp script of Harimadhab Mukherjee, keeps the ball rolling with perceptive, sharp touches offsetting the serious with a light touch or vice versa, gently pulling the emotional strings. Bhaumik, who last year directed Kanchan Ranga, deserves a pat on the back for putting together a show that does Indians proud. The lighting, background music and the stage have been done up carefully, displaying the near professionalism of the group.

It would be unfair not to mention the team effort, and hard work, put in by all the performers - Pampa Mondal, Chandrabali Ghosh, Aurobindo Ghosh, Siddhartha Deh, Kalyan Majumdar, Pabitra Banerjee, Satya Chakraborty, Suhir Sengupta, Pannalal Santra, Biren Mallick, Somesh Gupta and Parimal Dey. Though they toiled on improving Hindi diction, they could not avoid the occasional slip.

The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, N.N. Jha, who was chief guest, opened the play by saying their effort "contributes immensely to furthering a feeling of oneness among the expatriate Indians." The play was part of celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. The Ambassador of Bangladesh, K.M. Shehabuddin and his wife, and the society's patron, Dr Saleha Abdul Hakim Sharafuddin also attended. Dr Saleha aptly summed up the endeavour of Bengalis saying "they take up art for art's sake."



No more nonsense: Lachman Singh (Swapan Dasgupta) threatening Dulan



● An Arabic comedy for children entitled 'Al Hurriya' was recently performed by the members of the Al Amal Theatrical Company at the Abdul Aziz Masoud Theatre in Kaifan. Above: a scene from the comedy

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Cartoons: Rahlat Haul Al Alam
- 10.00 News followed by variety entertainment
- 10.15 Shaqqat Bidoun Siqqat: featuring Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Raja Jadawi.
- 11.00 News Summary
- 11.15 Ma'Al Tahya: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahad
- 12.15 Hardcastle and McCormick
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 2.30 Bahloul: ep. 2 starring Fadiya Khitab, Assam Sulaiman.
- 3.35 Cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.20 Ana Illi Qatilat Al Hansh: featuring Adel Imam, Maali Zayed, Saeed Saleh, Safiya Al Omari.
- 6.00 Al Manahil: children's serial
- 7.10 You and Your Health
- 7.45 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nahd: poetry session
- 8.15 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial, starring: Mohammad Saeed Shirin, Zuhair Numani.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Riffat Al Hijan: Arabic serial, starring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra.



James Coburn stars in tonight's Best-Seller, Malibu, 10.30 pm, KTV 2.

- Yusuf Shaaban.
- 10.50 Alalamat Alal Tareeq: local variety show featuring Lebanese singer Ragheb Alalamah.
- 11.50 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Closedown.
- 12.20 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Care Bears: "The Night the Stars Went Out." Cartoon series.
- 6.30 Danger Bay: "Thursday's Child." Jill

brings home a strange girl with a mysterious past.

7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islam.

7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a half-hour show of unusual sports.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Flying Doctors: "E.T.: New Girl In." The doctors' plane lands in a deserted place and they encounter numerous problems.

9.30 Together We Stand: What happens when a woman begins to think of life without her husband? Starring: Elliott Gould, Dee Wallace, Katie O'Neill, Ke Huy Quain, Natasha Boho and Scott Grimes.

10.00 Hilary's World of Adventurers: a look at fishing in New Zealand.

10.30 Best-Seller: "Malibu." James Coburn, Kim Novak, Anthony Newley, William Atherton and Eva Marie Saint star in this new best-seller, set among the elite jet-setters of Malibu.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

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The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

Al Salmiya
Eat the Rich
Starring: Roland Allen

Al Hamra
Al Jad'an Talatha (Arabic)
Starring: Samir Ghanem, Roya Al Kathi

Drive-In
Aad Lyanatagim (Arabic)
Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Imaan

Al Firdous
Maut Ki Ghati (Hindi)
Starring: Arjun, Rajani

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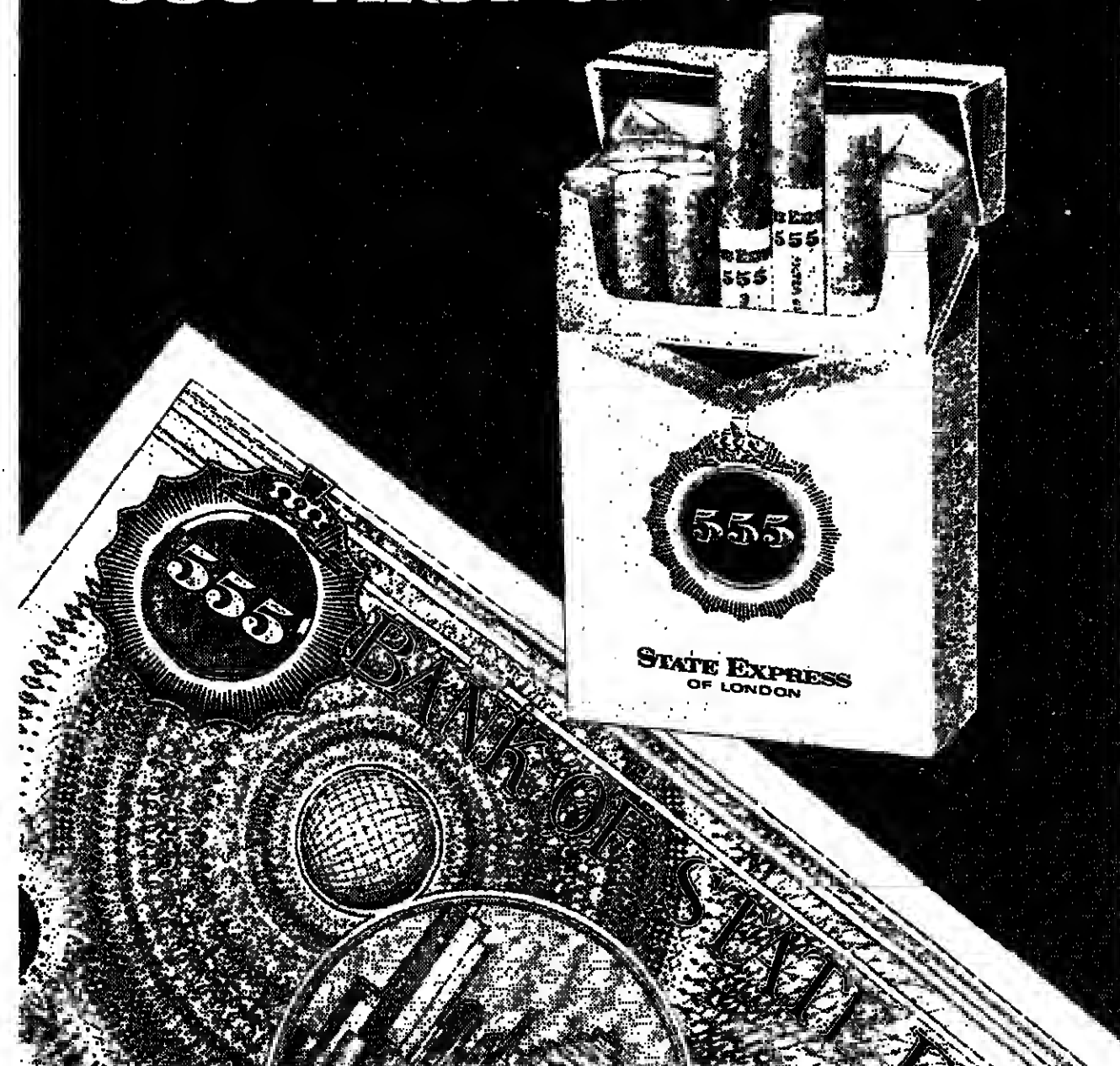
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WE have two ears and only one tongue in order that we may hear more and speak less — Diogenes, Greek philosopher (about 412 BC - 323 BC.)

OPINION

Iranian leaders in dire straits

FOR those who cannot remember the past — "history repeats itself." The present radicals in Tehran should heed this sage saying.

The Nazi fanatic, Hitler, failing to achieve his grandiose dreams of building an Aryan empire committed suicide along with his lover Eva Braun. Apparently, the radicals in Tehran prefer to see the blood of innocent Iranians shed — rather than their own.

In their desperation, one of the latest Iranian suicide attempts was the futile bombing raid on the ancestral house of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The Iranians are certainly desperate, but recent events prove that they are playing from a "losing hand."

From the onset of the holy month of Ramadan, Iraq has strongly shaken the Iranian internal front — signalling the beginning of the end of that front. Numerous Iraqi victories designed and led by the man of the Arab nation, President Saddam Hussein, have created a beaunted sense of morale among the Iraqis and the Arab nation in general. The chaos, the Iranian leadership is thrown into, is reflected in the recent total reshuffle of all leading military commanders including the appointment of the Parliament Speaker Rafsanjani as head of the military command by no less a personage than Khomeini himself. It is strongly hinted that the top Iranian leadership is in dire straits and shows every tendency of collapsing.

The count-down for the start of the collapse of the Iranian regime has effectively begun and this is clearly evident from the results of the latest parliamentary elections and the anti-Iranian regime demonstrations inside Iran.

The Iraqi leader's opinion that Iraq and its Army were fighting a just war is simply reflected in the high morale, both among the citizens and its soldiers. The Iraqi leader, his people, the Arab nations and most of the world believe that Iraq is capable and will succeed in imposing the Security Council resolutions on Iran. Unfortunately, the high offices of the United Nations have been unable or prefer not to enforce their responsibilities — for reasons best known to them.

Iraq at the height of its victories, has continually called on Iran to halt this ridiculous war that is taking its bloody toll in men, women and children not to mention the answering the Iranian radicals will have to render to its present and future generations for the futile loss of their loved ones (including teen-aged children) and the financial upheavals they will be called to face.

However, the Iranian rulers have all along ignored this olive branch offered and on the contrary have bribed a number of foreign leaders to support their unjust war against Iraq. The present demonstrations within Iran have been instigated by the radicals with a view to covering their losses on the battlefield and political circles, including world opinion and to distract the populace from realities. The concept was that as more time elapsed, Iraq would become weaker. Unfortunately, the reverse has been the case — as seen from the numerous resounding Iraqi victories.

Let not many suns set before the patience of Iraq expires and they tend to completely withdraw the olive branch. If that, unfortunately, happens it will mark the end of Iran. Will the Iranian radicals digress and desist from the present path of their destruction? It is hoped so — if not, history would be repeating itself and when it is all over and too late, the Iranian citizens will take revenge on their leader. So much and more then will be in store for this regime.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Arab summit may bury Shultz plan

By Alistair Lyon

AMMAN, (Reuters): Jordan fears next week's Arab summit may bury Middle East peace prospects unless US Secretary of State George Shultz takes a firmer stand on Palestinian rights. A Jordanian official told Reuters that King Hussein would urge Shultz to make a move to show the Arab world that his peace plan was serious. "Let Shultz say publicly to the Israelis that he supports Palestinian self-determination or land for peace, all the lead for a full peace," said the official, who requested anonymity.

"If he doesn't offer something we can use to persuade other Arab leaders, the Shultz plan will be buried in Algeria."

Arab heads of state are due to open an emergency summit in Algeria on June 7 to discuss how to support a six-month-old uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Jordan has sought to postpone the meeting, which it considers ill-timed and superfluous, an Arab diplomat said.

"The Jordanians believe Shultz has not exhausted his peace efforts and any formal Arab rejection of his plan will spoil any prospect of progress," the diplomat said.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials say they will push for a clear Arab rejection of Shultz's proposals.

Jordan has argued all along that the Arabs should avoid this, despite what he says was a recent inadequacy of the US approach, and allow Israel to take the blame for blocking peace.

Shultz has suggested an international conference to open direct Arab-Israeli talks on limited autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, with later negotiations to decide their final status.

The PLO sees the plan as irredeemably flawed by its failure to mention Palestinian self-determination or the PLO itself.

Buoyed by the uprising in which about 200 Palestinians and two Israelis have died, the PLO wants the summit to reaffirm support for an independent Palestinian state.

Jordan's relations with the PLO are in a tense phase. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has stayed away from Amman, despite an invitation extended by King Hussein several months ago.

The king has publicly contrasted what he says was a recent PLO proposal for a joint PLO-Egyptian delegation at peace talks with the group's rejection of any PLO-Jordanian delegation.

Rather, than rebuffing Shultz as the PLO advocates, Jordan prefers to build on what it sees as small but useful changes in the American stance.

Children and girls take part in demonstrations

Palestinian women take centre-stage in uprising

By Susan Sappir

KALANDIA, West Bank, (Reuters): Faeza Tayeh, 16, is waiting to go back to her school. Manal Abu Shalbak, 13, is looking forward to her wedding this summer. Zuhdiyah Abdullah, 38, is busy tending to her eight children.

But a new bond has grown between these Palestinian women in the last six months. They are all proud of taking part in their national uprising, the intifada, against Israeli rule.

"Everyone, women, children and girls, all are in the demonstrations," said Tayeh. The vocational school where she works as a secretary has been closed by the Army for four months.

"The religious women and girls are less active in the streets but they do more work in the committees."

The revolt in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has

thrusted women, traditionally subordinate to men in conservative Palestinian society, into the front lines of confrontation.

Sitting together in this crowded, dusty refugee camp, north of occupied Jerusalem, each of the women told stories of harassment and clashes with Israeli soldiers.

For months, Palestinian women have joined their children in street demonstrations, stoning troops, raising outlawed flags and chanting nationalist slogans.

Wrestled

They have wrestled and pleaded with soldiers to get their menfolk released from arrest. Fifteen women were among at least 190 Palestinians killed in the unrest.

Ahu Shalbak recalled that troops fired teargas into her girls' school one day. "We fell on the floor just like we were dead, dead. Then when the soldiers left,

we went and threw stones at them," she said.

Women also fill key roles behind the scenes, running self-help networks that deal with the food shortages created by extensive curfews and strikes, arrange medical services and help the families of the dead or wounded.

Women's central role in the Palestinian rebellion has hurt the bounds of the traditional place as homemakers dictated to them by Islam and their largely agrarian communities.

But many say their participation in the intifada, on an equal footing with men, is the culmination of a gradual process over years, in which they have assumed public responsibilities in the absence of a Palestinian national leadership.

"Women are active in organisations, committees and functions in refugee camps and villages that have become targets of economic sanctions," said lawyer Muna Rishmawi to her

Ramallah office.

"Women find themselves providing services and food to closed areas and training other women in home economics. These organisations have existed for at least 10 years. Ironically, nothing special happened in the intifada in terms of organisation. All the groundwork was going on for some time."

Women have been some of the most effective spokesmen for the Palestinian uprising.

Security

Hanan Mikhail Ashrawi, dean of arts at Bir Zeit University, stole the limelight from better known male politicians when the US television network ABC screened a live television debate between Israelis and Palestinians from occupied Jerusalem last month.

The professional unions and committees deal with issues including literacy, vocational training, women's rights in the

work place and home economics. In the intifada they have focused on the more immediate needs of the community.

Zuhdiyah Abdullah, a mother of eight from Kalandia, says committee work is done secretly for fear of the Israeli authorities. Her work extends from visiting the homes of "martyrs" or the sick to sewing Palestinian flags. I make flags. They gather stones, I gather stones."

Many women have been forced to take jobs because husbands or sons were arrested. An estimated 17,000 Palestinians, mostly young men, have been in and out of Israeli jails since the intifada began. Some 10,000 are still behind bars.

Journalist Nehaya Al Hilo said the new freedom that women have tasted in the workforce could produce pressure for social change. But she doubted this would occur as long as there was no Palestinian state.

"If the intifada stopped we

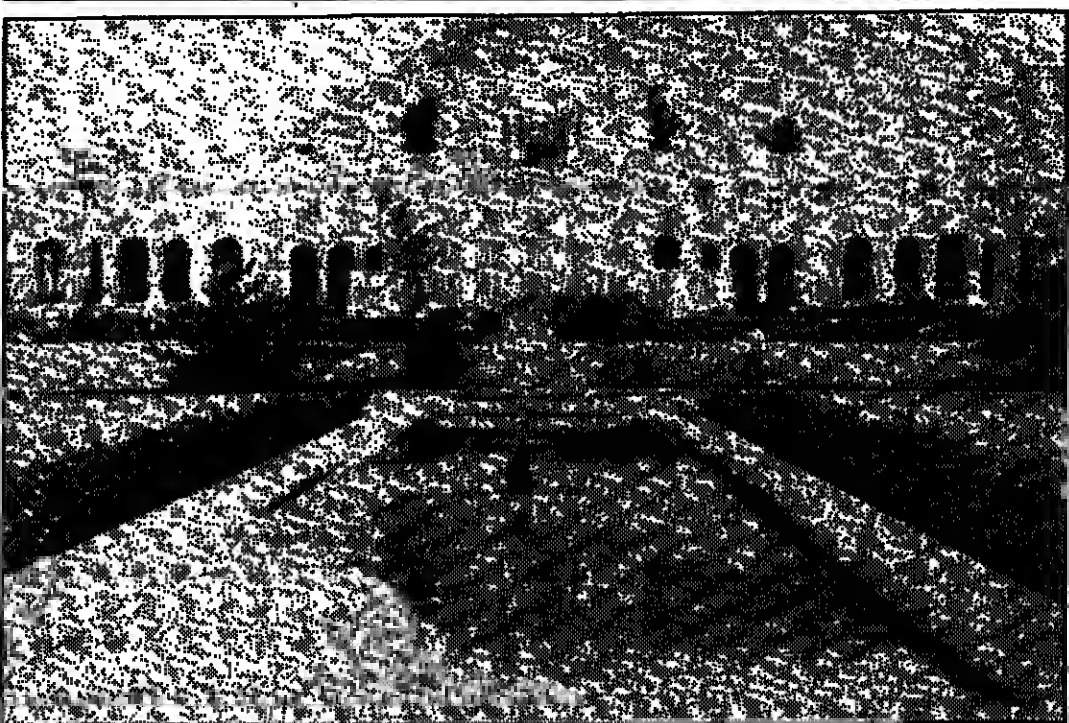
would keep wanting freedom," she said. "If we had a state we would want freedom of women like in other countries. But now we don't need our own freedom. First we need freedom for the whole Palestinian people."

Combining their traditional roles of mothers with newly gained assertiveness, Palestinian women throughout the occupied areas are seen daily interceding with soldiers to free their arrested sons.

"That is the best work we do," said Abdullah. "When they take a boy we say 'no, no, that's my son'. It's not my son, but we say it. I do it, others, many of us, we do this a lot."

"Once I followed soldiers taking arrested youths to prison and yelled at one who hit a youth in the chest and grabbed his hair, banging his head against the wall."

"I said: 'You can't do that to my son.' She said: 'He said: 'Which one is your son?'" I said: 'All of them.'"



Sprawling over 25 acres on the outskirts of Kabul, the British embassy, once the projection of imperial power, now houses one lone diplomat and lies between the flight path of rebel rockets, which fall daily on the Afghan capital. Built during the last flowering of the British empire, the massive palace has lost sway with war and changing political balance. (Reuters wirephoto)

British embassy in Kabul

A dream of past glories

By Hugh Pail

KABUL, (Reuters): The British embassy in the Afghan capital is isolated, splendid, redolent of empire and tennis parties, poised between imperial show and foolish pretension.

Only the distant gunfire and the occasional rocket passing overhead intrude into its dreams of past glories, introducing present-day Afghan reality.

The embassy, sprawling over 10 hectares (25 acres) in the north-west of Kabul, was built from 1924-27 during the last flowering of the British empire.

The architectural jumble that is the ambassador's residence forces grudging admiration from visitors. The white-painted, three-storey building has the wings and garden terraces of an English country house, and a kind of Doric temple superimposed above the doors at back and front.

Pretensions

Wood and labour and almost everything else needed to build it was brought by traction engine and camel train from what is now Pakistan.

"No expense has been spared to make it in every way worthy of the empire," wrote E.B. Howell of the Finance Department in

Delhi in 1926.

"It was built to sustain those imperial pretensions — to match Britain's superpower status," says Ian Mackley, the present charge d'affaires.

By the time of the Anglo-Afghan treaty of 1921 following the third Afghan war, Britain finally gave up any idea of including Afghanistan in the empire and contented itself with installing a resident minister in Kabul.

"Let him be the best-housed man in Asia," was the order of Lord Curzon, formerly viceroy of India and then secretary of state for foreign affairs.

Expedition

So pleased was he with the result and its probable effect on the natives that he was said to have declared it was "worth two divisions."

"The physical presence of the embassy continued to weigh on the Afghans long after everything it had been designed to stand for had faded away," wrote a later resident.

Until 10 years ago the great house stood outside the town, so that even to visit it became an expedition, the more so as wolves used to prowl the intervening farmland after dark.

The visitor was met by arched verandahs, lawns with a foun-

tained pool, rose gardens and tennis courts and the only squash court in Afghanistan.

Inside were elegant reception rooms large and small, a coolly formal ballroom smelling of wax polish, a dining table set for 18, a wood-paneled Scottish baronial entrance hall.

More prosaically, but typically for the English at that time, none of the eight bedrooms had an en suite bathroom.

"I don't have the sensation of being the best-housed man in Asia. I just feel comfortable," says Mackley, who has replaced the 60-year-old wiring and had the plumbing improved.

"The house has style, layout, proportion — it was designed for comfort, like an English country house."

In 1928, when the bills came in, the embassy had cost Rs 2,591,795 (\$200,000) at present rates and extras added a further Rs 360,532 (\$30,000).

Guarantee

"I can give you my personal guarantee that no recommendation which has been incorporated into the scheme is either unnecessary or extravagant," wrote Sir Francis Humphreys, the first ambassador, with a hint of defensiveness.

This brought the sharp reply from Howell that "the government of India are not convinced of the necessity of a swimming bath."

But Howell, evidently a gardener, approved expenditure of Rs 104,560 (\$8,000) on the embassy's 11 gardens on the grounds that "the jewel must be properly set if it is to glitter."

Less poetic auditors cut the sum to Rs 80,000 (\$6,000), to include two first-class maids (gardeners) at Rs 150 (\$11.5) a month and 10 coolie assistants at Rs 18 (\$1.4).

Rockets

Even in those days it was not all cocktail parties and tennis. In 1929 the embassy was caught in the crossfire of a rebellion, the military attaché's house was burnt down and the entire staff was evacuated by plane.

And today, Mackley's gilded cages lie on a favoured flight path for mujahideen rebel rockets fired from outside the city. So far none of them has fallen short.

The most curious fact about the British embassy is that it may not be British at all.

Built with Indian taxpayers' money, it was assigned to Pakistan after independence and partition in 1947 (India got the less splendid Kathmandu embassy).

By Leslie Shepherd

LONDON, (AP): The smiling British bobby who patrols London streets on foot or bicycle, armed only with a discreetly hidden walkie-talkie and truncheon, is under verbal and physical attack.

The international image of Scotland Yard, officially known as London's Metropolitan Police Force, is of genial, incorruptible officers able to round up criminals with a few stern words and rarely any bloodshed.

But its image has been tarnished by London's increasing violent crime rate, by an investigation into hundreds of complaints about police behaviour toward strikers and by the collapse of three showpiece trials of alleged soccer "hooligans" because of problems with police evidence.

In two trials the prosecutor said forensic tests showed police evidence had been tampered with and in the third the prosecution refused to present the evidence to the court.

Assaults

At the same time, assaults are on the rise against London's 27,295 police officers, who pride themselves on not carrying guns.

One in six of the constables, or 4,534, reported assaults requiring medical attention last year, compared with 3,400 in 1986 and 3,009 in 1985.

Scotland Yard says the steady increase is "symptomatic of the general increase in violence," and is worrisome.

The 33 per cent rise in 1987 is particularly disturbing as it is the steepest rise in recent years," said a spokeswoman, speaking anonymously in keeping with British custom.

Police were particularly dis-

Image of British bobbies tarnished

turbed by the collapse of the three high-profile trials because soccer hooliganism was one area where they thought they were making inroads in the fight against crime.

Total arrests at British soccer stadiums fell to 3,716 in 1987 from 5,571 in 1985. Police said it was an indication of the success of their controversial initiative of infiltrating soccer gangs.

Crackdown

Police launched about a dozen of the undercover infiltration operations — a relatively new police technique in Britain — in a domestic crackdown following incidents including the 1985 riot at Belgium's Heysel soccer stadium, which killed 39 people and injured 500.

But experts say the failure of the three cases and dismissal of charges against 24 fans means it is unlikely there will be any more such infiltrations.

One fan jailed after the first undercover investigation has indicated he will ask for his case to be reopened, and some former dependants have said they may seek damages for wrongful arrest.

Scotland Yard ordered an internal investigation into whether any evidence in police logbooks or other notes made during surveillance were fabricated after the fact.

But opposition lawmakers say there should be a full government inquiry into the conduct of the bobbies — nicknamed after the force's founder, Sir Robert Peel.

"The police officers involved would have been not only young in years but also young in

service," explained Sgt Mike Bennett, chairman of the London branch of the Police Federation.

"To do undercover work takes an immense amount of training and courage, and you have to make notes as you go along. If you resort at the end of the day to trying to remember what happened during that day, it creates difficulties," Bennett says.

Brian Hilliard, editor of Police Review, a weekly magazine for police officers, agreed.

"In an English court, a note of a conversation or a note of something you've heard gets more weight the sooner you record it," he told the Associated Press.

Hilliard said the undercover officers may have tried to slip away from the gangs briefly to scribble the most incriminating evidence overheard in conversations on paper coasters, cigarette packages or soccer programmes.

"Under those circumstances it's not surprising that notes would be mislaid, or if crumpled, would be hard to read later," he said. "People may have written notes later, which they may have claimed were written at the time."

Peter Carter, secretary for the Criminal Bar Association, told the Daily Telegraph the controversy worries lawyers because it places a shadow over all police evidence.

The cases have been so well publicised that "a lawyer has only to touch on the matter of police reliability to a general way and jurors will know immediately what he is referring to," he said.

Marseille hot spot in French elections

By Brendan Murphy

MARSEILLE, France, (UPI): Predictions of a Socialist landslide have dulled

appetites for this month's parliamentary elections, but here a strong dash of Mediterranean seasoning has been sprinkled on the dish by ultra-rightist Jean-Marie Le Pen and entrepreneur Bernard Tapie.

Neither candidate is a native of Marseille, France's second-largest city and its toughest in political terms, with a tradition of machine politics that the late mayor Richard Daly of Chicago would have admired. Both "parachuted" in, setting up a sharp if indirect confrontation.

Local results in the National Assembly elections — the first round of voting is today and the runoff on June 12 — could affect the fortunes of Le Pen's National Front Party for years to come. So the Marseille campaign has assumed a disproportionate significance on a national level.

"We must win here, and elsewhere of course, but especially here," Le Pen told a campaign rally in Marseille last week. He described the city as "the beach-head for the reconquest of the republic."

Gambit

Le Pen, 59, is running in the city's 8th district, a sprawling middle-class constituency several miles inland from the stone fortresses glittering yachts and salty bars of the Vieux Port. His candidacy is the opening gambit in a longer-term drive for control of city hall.

Polls give Le Pen poor chances against his main opponent, Socialist Marius Masse. The local politician's father was closely associated with the legendary Gaston Defferre, who ran Marseille with an iron hand from World War II until his death in 1986.

But Le Pen is hoping to repeat his surprise performance in the April-May presidential elec-

tions. In first-round polling then, he won 4.5 million votes — 14.4 per cent of the national total — on a platform mainly consisting of anti-immigration diatribes.

In Marseille, where tensions run high between native French and Arab immigrants from North Africa, Le Pen wooed 28.3 per cent of the presidential first-round vote. This was 2 points ahead of the eventual winner, Socialist President Francois Mitterrand.

Underdog

Tapie, 43, another newcomer to the city's rough-and-tumble politics, is running in the 6th district to counter Le Pen's xenophobic influence. Despite Socialist backing he is seen as an underdog to the entrenched conservative Guy Teissier.

Tapie, a charismatic entrepreneur, made his reputation and his fortune by taking over debt-ridden French companies for a symbolic 1 franc and turning them around. He has worked much the same trick for the Olympique Marseille soccer team since 1986.

Tapie, a personable, athletic Parisian, pledged to use his business acumen to reduce unemployment and undercut Le Pen.

"I am going to work very hard to try to show that unemployment is not inevitable," Tapie said. "Then we'll see whether even one person will vote for the National Front."

He and Le Pen regularly trade insults.

Win

"Don't be a jerk," Tapie tells voters on Marseille streets. "Don't vote for Le Pen." Counters Le Pen: "By the time Tapie is through in Marseille he'll be able to buy himself out for 1 symbolic franc."

Despite Le Pen's presidential showing, changes in the parliamentary electoral system mean the National Front may win only three National Assembly seats. The party held 32 seats



Jean-Marie Le Pen

in parliament until Mitterrand dissolved it after his sweeping re-election on May 8.

Le Pen's strong local appeal was evident in the crowd of 2,000 people who paid 20 francs (about \$4) each to attend a National Front rally in a dusty parking lot next to a suburban metro station the other day.

Jeannot Platel, 59, a burly, leather-faced man selling paper French flags for 10 francs (about \$1.50) each at the entrance, pronounced himself "100 per cent" for Le Pen, a former paratrooper.

"I'm French and I want to live in France among the French," he said. "We are smothered. There are too many immigrants in Marseille."

But support for Le Pen is by no means universal in Marseille. "It's shameful for France," said Joseph Eimar, 35, a street sweeper in the downtown Vieux Port district. "There are problems in Marseille, but we won't resolve them with people like Le Pen."

The city's many immigrants see themselves directly threatened by the local political ambitions of Le Pen, who blames most of France's social problems on its North African immigrant population. Others fear his election could exacerbate racial tensions.

"Le Pen is not the man Marseille needs," said Nacer Kbadraoui, 23, an Algerian-born French citizen and resident of the 8th district. "He is dangerous for Marseille and dangerous for France."

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RUUD GULLIT, the forward of the Dutch soccer team during his first training in Mettmann (W. Germany) on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOUTH KOREAN policemen arrest a student leader outside the main gates of the United Nations Command (UNC) in Seoul headquarters. (Reuter wirephoto)



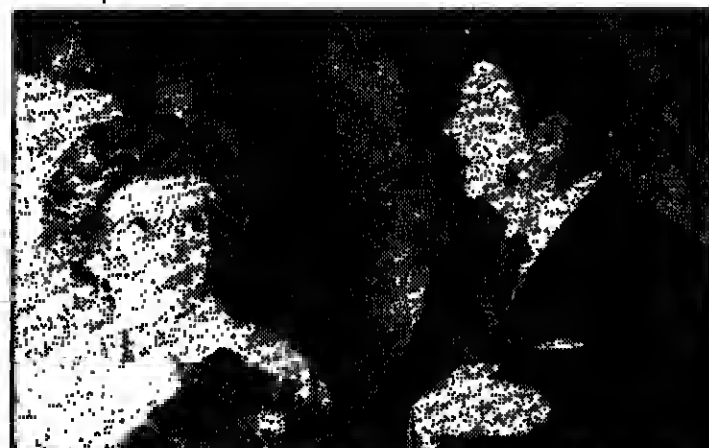
RICKEY HENDERSON of the New York Yankees looks up at the umpire for the safe call after stealing second base despite the efforts of Baltimore Orioles Cal Ripken Jr during first inning action on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



MICHAEL DUKAKIS, US presidential candidate holds the hand of his wife Kitty's father, Harry Ellis Dickson as the two men appeared at a news conference in Massachusetts General Hospital to announce the results of Kitty's surgery. (Reuter wirephoto)



A HAPPY Mahal Al Jarallah (picture right, in front) and other participants in the Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race at the prize distribution ceremony held at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday evening.



FIRST LADY Nancy Reagan looks fondly at her husband, President Reagan, during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner during the welcome-home ceremony at Andrews Air Force base on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



MEMBERS of a joint tactical security force comprising of Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers, Ontario Provincial Policemen and Metro Toronto Policemen take part in a practice exercise at Canadian Forces Base Borden on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



INDIAN Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi started a two-day official visit to Damascus yesterday. Rajiv (right) and his Syrian counterpart Mahmoud Al Zubi reviewing a guard of honour at Damascus airport. (Reuter wirephoto)



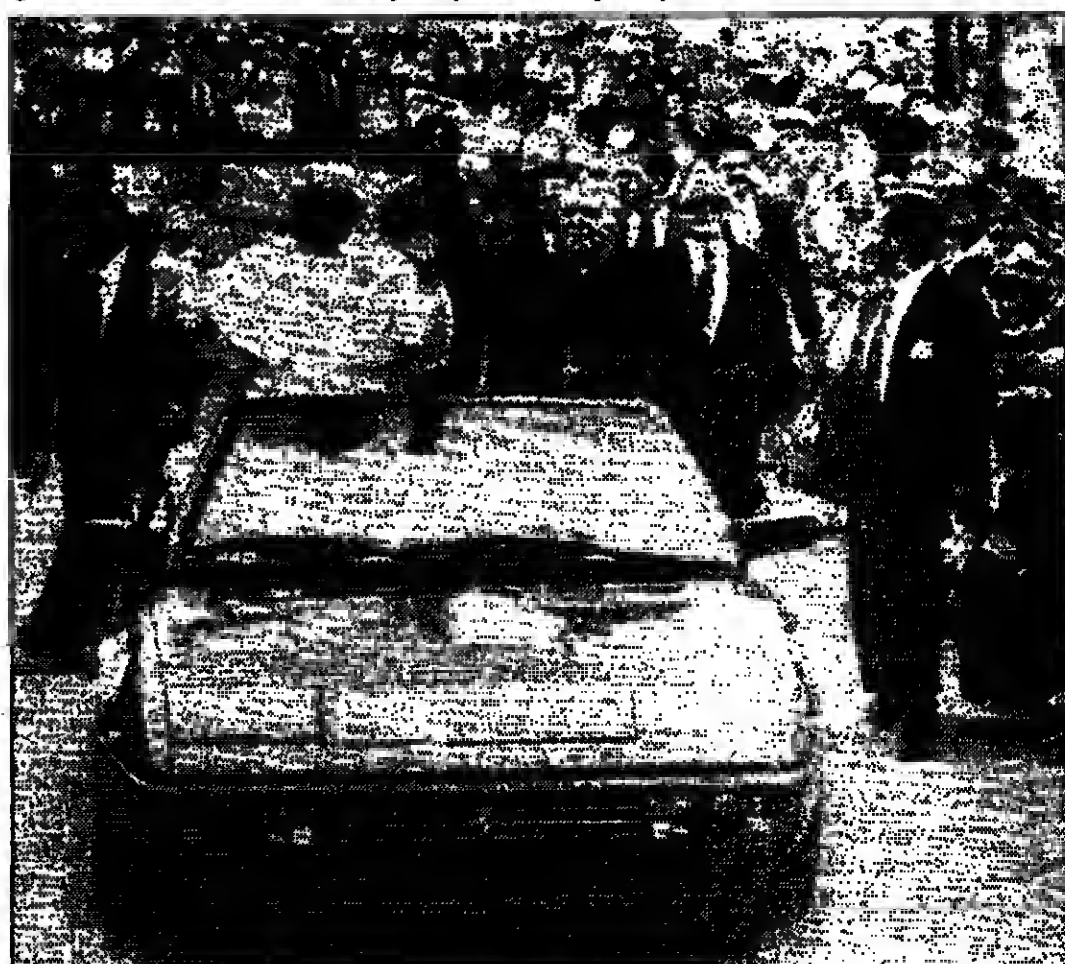
MICHAEL DOUGLAS, Oscar winner for his film Wall Street, (centre) and Italian actress Monica Vitti (right) with Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti at the Villa Madama on Friday. Douglas and Vitti were awarded the statuette of David of Donatello, the Italian equivalent of Oscar, for their works in cinema. (Reuter wirephoto)



PACIFICO MARCOS, brother of deposed President Ferdinand Marcos sprinkles holy water on the coffin of his mother, Josefa Edralin Marcos, who died on May 4. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE six survivors of the Preussen Electra coal mine explosion found alive yesterday stand arm-in-arm with the leader of the local mine union (left) after being rescued. (Reuter wirephoto)



POPE JOHN PAUL II in a Ferrari Mondial Cabrio car waving at people at the Ferrari test track. (Reuter wirephoto)

The situation is rather complex and you should do your best not to aggravate it. Do not take everything quite so literally. Jupiter's influence will help you to get to the bottom of

Corazon Aquino — supermom of Asia

By J. Navea

RECENTLY, a "supermom" was conferred the "Inang Bayan" Award as the first woman-mother president of the country and the entire Asia by the Gintong Ina Foundation.

President Aquino, also the Time Woman of the Year in 1986, has always been the greatest mother to her children not only because of her assumption of her late husband's family responsibilities but also due to what she had done to them even while the late Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. still lived.

And the award for being an ideal mother to her children and to the entire Filipino nation deserved to go to no less than President Aquino. This was the first time that the prestigious award was conferred to a woman head of state by the National

Mother's Day executive committee in commemoration of the 1988 national celebration of Araw ng mga Ina or Mother's Day.

"Because of her solicitude and love, the Aquino children never felt neglected," according to Noynoy, the senator's junior, even as they missed their father due to his political involvement and journalistic pursuits (he started as a candidate for mayor in his native Tarlac shortly after their wedding and was the Manila Times correspondent covering the Korean war in 1951. They were a family unit, with each popular Aquino daughter has also all praises for the President in view of her idealism as a guidance counselor to them. She has a two-year-old grandson, Justin Benigno, who "makes her happier than being a president."

That "grace under pressure" which was to be very evident dur-

ing the campaign against then president Marcos first surfaced during Ninoy's detention at the military camps.

It was to stay with her, even as she brought an ailing husband to the United States for specialized medical attention and there continued the fight against Marcos rule. Life in America was fraught with causes and campaigns, but Cory saw to it that her children experienced as near to normal a homelife as she could manage. When he was slain, his cause became hers.

But her children (who include Viel and Pinky) when their father was alive and even after his death, found her to be the same member sharing their father's dream and aspirations for them.

Noynoy, now 27, and working as youth development Head for Nike products in Mondragon Industries, recalls that "even when his father was incarcerated during the martial law years, it was Mrs Aquino who showed their children to be strong."

President Aquino was never the crying kind, she took all heartaches, the uncertainties and the worries attendant to her husband's imprisonment with stoicism and a silent, deep courage. She seemed to metamorphose from a shy, gentle girl, product of exclusive girls' schools here and abroad, whom Ninoy had courted while taking up political science at the Far Eastern University. From a sheltered, secure and affluent life, she stepped into the political maelstrom which her husband's oppositionist stand engendered — and stayed there an immovable object while irresistible forces played around her.

She was the source of strength for her entire family, her children averred. Her presidency which was brought about by the famous People's Power Revolution in February 1986 has not smudged her sense of priorities as



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a mother. "She has still been a loving and thoughtful mother," says Maria Elena (Betsy) Cruz, 32 and still her private secretary. Kris, the youngest and the more affectionate and concerned mother who offered them the ever-ready balm for their big and small personal problems. Having become the President of Philippines did not alter this very much. She has her time for them, and even the young man Noynoy could find her keeping track of his hours of coming home at night.

The President reserves nor-

mally weekends, especially Sundays, for the family. The first woman Chief Executive of our country indeed does not seem about ready to relinquish her earlier firm triumph — as a mother.

She had achieved success as a mother with and without her husband, her crusade for justice for Noynoy had culminated in a most unusual revolution in the annals of world history. To a great mother and a woman president of the Filipino nation the Inang Bayan Award truly fits President Aquino.

Battle for control of Manila's homeless children

By Claro Cortes

MANILA, Philippines: Every day, volunteers and government social workers compete with pimps and criminal gangs in Manila's red-light district.

The government and volunteer teams are struggling to save thousands of homeless street children from a life of petty crime, drug addiction and sexual exploitation.

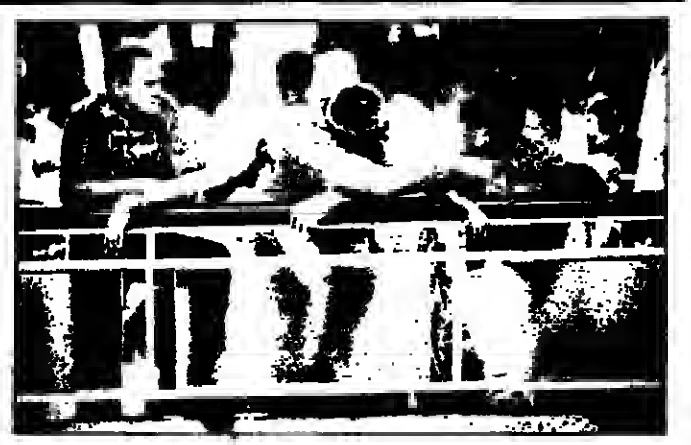
"That's what it's all about," said Mrs. Nenuca Ross, a volunteer with the government's department of social welfare. "We have street children. We have all types of exploited children. They are victims."

Government officials estimate that 10,000 to 20,000 homeless children roam the streets of the Ermita red-light district of Manila. Many are the children of people who have drifted into Manila from impoverished rural provinces in search of a better life.

But with few skills and no education, both parents and children survive by begging, hustling, cigarette and smuggled watches. Many of the children graduate to prostitution, pickpocketing, shoplifting, extortion and drug trafficking.

The government and private agencies are now intensifying efforts to find and rehabilitate such children and break the cycle of crime and poverty.

"We go to them. We talk to them. We sit on the sidewalks with them, invite them to a hot dog sandwich or something," Ross said. Sometimes, she said, the children will point out their friends and urge them to join the programme.



Pedophiles in Harrison Plaza, Manila approaching a 15-year-old boy.

Ross said the children are easiest to recruit on rainy days when "business is bad," or when they are apprehended by police.

Once they have been found, children between ages six to 13 are taken to the welfare department's "tent schools," where they receive counseling and the rudiments of reading and writing.

Those who have suffered serious beatings, drug addiction or sexual abuse are taken to a half-way house in suburban Alabang, where they receive psychiatric help. Teenagers go to state-run juvenile institutions.

Officials say child prostitution has been a problem here for years. But it worsened in the final years of President Marcos.

President Corazon Aquino, promised action on child prostitution and giving it top priority.

Ross said the city's two tent schools have successfully reintegrated some 100 children since the programme began last year. The department plans to build a third school in Ermita, a seedy neighbourhood of bars, brothels and cheap hotels near Manila bay.

In addition, the social welfare department loans money to homeless families to establish small-scale businesses such as street-front stores or canteens, Ross said.

Ross said about 800 children have been graduated over the past two years from the Alabang centre, which cares for the more seriously affected cases. But she

admitted that about 800 others escaped and returned to the streets.

"That's because they are not helped. It's not because they really want to but there is no other way for them to survive," said Ross. "Unless a helping hand comes along and helps them recover, that is what will happen to them."

Ross said criminal syndicates specialising in prostitution, narcotics and street crimes, work actively against welfare workers in preventing children from seeking help.

"I've seen some of these transactions but we cannot intervene. There is a mafia. They are surrounded by pimps," Ross said. "They have become hardened. We cannot reform their personalities."

In the best of circumstances, Ross said saving a child who may never have had a home can be a long, painful process.

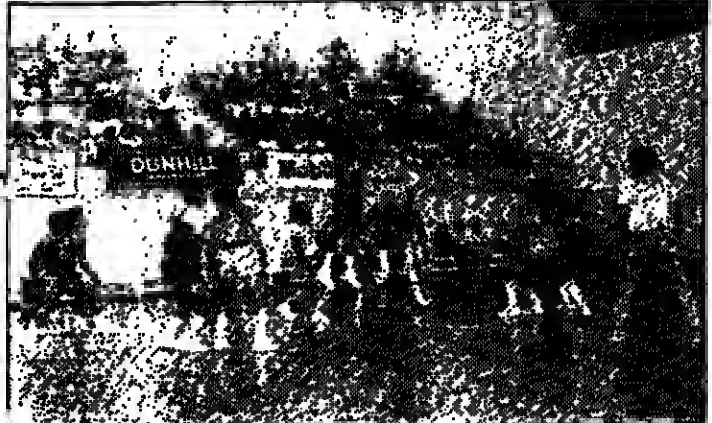
"A (street) child does not open up to you until maybe six months," she said. "You have to gain their trust first. You don't force them to open up because they will all answer lies. They've learned this from the streets. But if you leave them at their own pace, little by little they will tell you their stories. They know they have a friend."

For one former drug addict, 18-year-old Jose, the breakthrough came when he asked social workers to give him a birthday party.



Mrs Aquino (far right) with her two daughters, son and grandchild.

Photo highlights from Filipino mini-Olympics



Action from the basketball courts.

Results of the Filipino mini-Olympics held on Thursday & Friday 3rd June '88

Lawn Tennis at Qadsia Sports Club

Men's singles:
— Odie Ramos (Ag + P Co. of Mla) beat Tito Abadilla (Al Yash) 6-0, 6-0
— Efron Llanes (Nati Pansonic) beat Rod Mendoza (Kay + Ass) 6-0, 6-0
— Mar Panganiban (Kwt Regency Palace) beat V.J. Villalicio (Ag + P Co.) default 6-0, 6-0

Men's doubles:
— Odie Ramos/Nota Toranzo (Ag + P Co. of Mla) beat Jerry Sanchez/Tito Abadilla (Al Yash) 6-2, 6-2
— Efron Llanes/Surley/Lago (Kay + Ass.) beat Efron Llanes/Gil Cusi (Nati Pansonic) 6-4, 6-3
— Teng Perez/Charlie Forbille beat Danny Sison/Dione Onates

Ladies Singles:

— Wills Aloy beat Juliet Vergara (default) 6-0, 6-0
— Marion Ambas beat Edna Forbille (default) 6-0, 6-0
— Flor Gamboa beat Ida Judith Minor 6-2, 6-1
— Marion Ambas beat Zeny Pacina 6-2, 6-1
— Sally Rioja beat Wills Aloy 6-1, 6-0

3 June 1988, Lawn Tennis at Qadsia sports club:

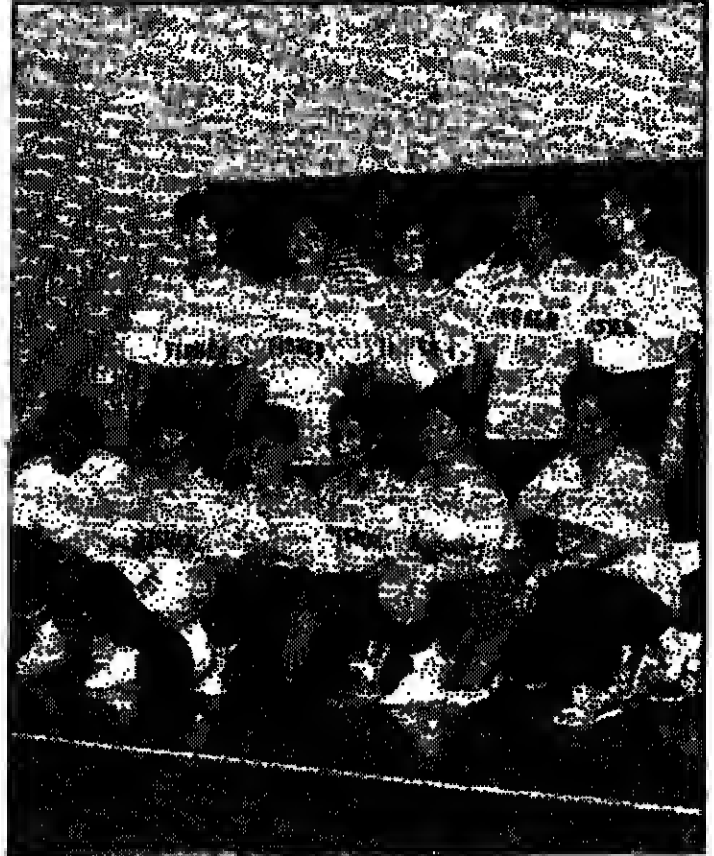
Men's singles:
— Nardo Cruz (Gulf Paper) beat May Pattiong 6-1, 6-1
— James Berdoz (Kwt Regency) beat Joey Hapil (Farwanah Hosp) 7-5, 6-3
— Jun Parayno (EEMC) beat Ben Roque (Riesco) 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)

Men's doubles:

— Benjie Aldreos/Danny Felix (Gulf Paper) beat Jerry Sanchez/Mats Pattiong 6-2, 7-6 (7-2)
— Renato Kagayntan/Romy Carandang (Farwanah Hosp) beat Charlie Forbille/Mar Panganiban (Kwt Regency) 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)



Gama players take a break.



The winning Fisher volleyball team.

Regency 6-1, 7-5.

— Jun Parayno/Armando Dela Cruz (EEMC) beat Ben Roque/B. Escalero (Riesco) 6-3, 6-1

Ladies Singles:

— Marion Ambas beat Wills Aloy 6-0, 6-2
— Ida Judith Minor beat Zeny Pacina 7-6 (8-6), 6-4
— Flor Gamboa beat Edna Forbille (default) 6-0, 6-0

Basketball at Kaifan Gym

— Kuwait Regency Palace beat Canada Dry by default
— Arab Telecom beat KPTC 93-87
— Wood Group beat Ric 81-65
— KPBC beat Kay Associates 114-81
— Safeway beat Cape Contracts 104-67

Pinoy Restaurant beat Alexco 134-84

— Ag + P Co. of Mla beat Mabuhay Rest. 84-83.

Women's Volleyball at Kaifan Gym

Adan Hospital beat-Al Ghanim

Freight Al Jahra Hosp. 8-15, 15-6, 15-5

Table Tennis at Kaifan Gym

Men's singles:
— Canada Dry beat Ag + P 3-1, 3-0
— Al Ghanim Freight beat KPTC 3-1, 3-0
— Canada Dry beat Arabtel 3-1, 3-0
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— Al Ghanim freight beat Kptc 3-0
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Darts at Kaifan Gym

— Al Faez Est. beat Kabayan Rest. 4-1
— Kirby Blig Sys beat Pinoy Rest. 3-2
— Ric beat Kwt Regency Palace 3-0
— Ag + P beat Al Ghanim Freight 3-2
— Al Adana Hosp. beat Claude Maxine (default) 3-0

Chess at — Kaifan Gym

— Ag + P ties Ric 2-2
— Kirby Blig Sys beat Al Ghanim Freight 3-1
— KPTC beat Arabtel 3-1
— Canada Dry beat Kabayan Rest. 2.5-1.5

TO encourage the social and cultural awareness of the Filipinos and to develop and promote their innate creativity in the field of photography, Kapilku is organising a photo contest entitled Portrait or face/s of Filipino/s in Kuwait.

Entries will be exhibited from 3rd to 9th June 1988 at the fountain lobby of Sallia Complex (annex to Kuwait Meridien Hotel).

Minimum size is 20 cm x 25 cm, and a maximum of 40 cm x 50 cm. Entries, may be in coloured or black and white and must have a title or caption.

The prizes are as follows:
First Prize: Nikon F301 Camera with 50 mm. 1.4 lens

Second Prize: Canon A1 Camera with 50mm. 1.8 lens with camera case (courtesy of Photo & Cine Equip. Co.), a Silver Medal and a free photographic session with 40 cm x 50 cm. photo enlargement (courtesy of Boushary Colour Films Co.)
Third Prize: Pentax Camera Pino 35-S (courtesy of Boushary Colour Films Co.), a Bronze Medal, and a free photographic session with 30 cm. x 40 cm. photo enlargement (courtesy of Boushary Colour Films Co.)
1st Honourable mention — Fuji Camera Flash TW-3 with camera case & film (courtesy of Boushary Colour Films Co.)
2nd Honourable mention — Yashica Camera (courtesy of Jashanmal & Partners Ltd.)
There are also 20 Consolation Prizes which include: a dinner for two at Al Andalus supper club of Holiday Inn on any Saturday for the "Filipino Night," a dinner for two at Al Hamidi Restaurant

Kapilku photo contest

with camera case (courtesy of Ashraf & Co. Ltd.) A Gold Medal, and a free photographic session with 50 cm x 60 cm photo enlargement (courtesy of Boushary Colour Films Co.)
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of Kuwait Regency Palace on any day of the week, and a dinner for two at the Mahuhay Restaurant on any day of the week (courtesy of Ms Florence S. Delos Santos).

In addition there are nine Nikon camera gadget bags, and eight self-adhesive album, (courtesy of Ashraf & Co. Ltd.).
Final Judging will be held on Sunday, 5 June 1988, at the venue of photo exhibition itself. The Judges are Stephanie E. Moghees — representing Ashraf & Co. Ltd., Ottmar A. Lange — Boushary Colour Films Co., Uwe Wruck, Jack Wozniak and Joey Valderama.
Prizes will be awarded on Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. at the venue of photo exhibition itself.

Manila: a city in disorder

1. Drug abuse is prevalent in our city victimising out-of-school youth, poverty-stricken youngsters and adults alike who, because of their wretched lives fall easy prey to drug pushers. Perhaps, in Rizal's time this could be the social cancer he referred to in his Noli Me Tangere. Or, before Rizal, this could even be Balagtas' idea of things happening or would likely happen in his celebrated epic, "Florante at Laura." Inferentially and symbolically, Balagtas portrayed the country in a tree with a ferocious lion menacingly poised to devour him in the jungles of Orion, Batuan, where the novelist had chosen to live in exile after leaving Bigaa (now Balagtas) because of Spanish atrocities.

2. Prostitution, as I have seen first-hand, is no fairy tale, pardon my language. It is flourishing in establishments disguised as restaurants with beer, amusement places, beer houses, cocktail lounges, etc., but the truth of the matter is that these places are no more than places of ill-repute where women of weak virtues peddle flesh for a piddling sum — indeed a sorry state of affairs which reflect on the leadership (whatever or whoever

is at City Hall) — a mirror of what those in position and at vantage point had failed to do in compliance with their sworn duty to serve the residents of the City of Manila — rich and poor alike.

3. Poverty still stalls the harried Manilan. Lacking in all the basic necessities in life like food, clothing and shelter, they have no other choice but to survive by hook or by crook and the end-result, more often than not, in simply disaster. It is really simple but never pure, much less desirable but deplorable.

4. Sanitation and health, social welfare services, infrastructure, lack of amusement parks, lack of qualified teachers to teach and mould the minds of the youth are hots, stigmas in the whole social order we call City Hall.

5. Sincerity, honesty, probity, integrity, dedication and devotion to duty, industry, service above and beyond self-improvement that borders on self-sacrifice, are the ingredients for the growth, development and progress of Manila, and in return the happiness of Manilans.

As a native of Manila — I was born in Tondo, grew up in Sampaloc, studied and became an adult in this city, I feel not only frustrated but dissipated and pulverised into smithereens whenever or wherever I see poverty, the squalor beneath these bedlam and misery, the violence that rides roughshod over decency and order, in fact, all these unsavoury events and eye-openers — indeed are the very things that make me bleed no end; the pathos of our time vented against a poor city which is made poorer because of indifference and apathy on the part of those who wield power and influence — really a time of revelation and reawakening to what confronts us all nowadays.

I am no prophet of doom, but there are certain Cassandra's in our midst who would like to destroy what we have built. Let me object to that more strongly, more vehemently and with all rancour, because nobody, no one has the power "to put asunder what God hath joined (created) together."



An aerial view of a fire which roared through a Manila suburb recently killing three people, and destroying over 476,000 dollars worth of property.

A change of mood in world markets

RECENT events in the world's markets seem to suggest that a fundamental change of mood is taking place.

Can it be that investors have finally decided to put away their fears of a major recession in the wake of the October crash? Or is the present mood simply a last flirtation with optimism before the inevitable disaster overwhelms us all?

Big rise
Let's look at one or two straw to the wind. Gold prices jumped eleven dollars an ounce last Thursday. This seems like a big rise, but in real terms gold hasn't appreciated much in ages, on the contrary, thanks to inflation and

the decline in the value of the dollar in which gold sales are priced, the metal has actually been a very poor investment over the past two or three years.

Maybe that is about to change. A couple of weeks ago a local investor, with a reputation for making a shrewd assessment of the markets, lashed out \$3 million on gold. Maybe he knows, or senses, something that the rest of us don't.

Boost
One possible reason for gold's return to favour is the feeling that the dollar may have finally touched bottom and be due for a rebound to the not too distant future.

Perhaps a new US President might give the currency the boost

it needs to return to its former strength. If that happens, then gold, being priced in dollars, would prove to be a useful part of one's portfolio.

Even if the gold price didn't go up by much, those dollars would be worth more in terms of other currencies.

If the price of gold went up as well as the dollar, then the lucky owners would get a double profit.

The Taiwanese government has been making extremely large purchases of gold recently, which has helped to keep the price buoyant.

Bullish
The other positive factor has been the continued strength of the Tokyo market which passed 27,500 last week and looks set to go even higher.

Wall Street and London have taken heart from this strength and a sort of mutual reinforcement process seems to be occurring as confidence returns.

Commodity prices have also made strong gains in recent weeks, particularly precious

metals. Platinum huffs are feeling very bullish at the moment.

The earlier market fears of inflation are now felt to have been a bit overdone, a case of the jitters rather than a sound assessment of the real risks.

All of the above is very tentative and should not be regarded as a recommendation to pile into the markets hell for leather.

The fact that analysts are still being surprised, whether by gains or losses, shows that there is still no real consensus about where prices are going. Some commentators are still predicting a major US crash, others pooh pooh the idea and say that everything is fine.

Wary
In such times it is probably best to take a very wary approach to investment. Take risks, if you like, but only small ones.

Keep the bulk of your holdings somewhere safe and secure. Above all, remember how last October's lightning came out of a clear blue sky.

It is not a lesson to be lightly forgotten.

Arab fund to focus more on training, food security

BONN, West Germany, June 4. (Opena) The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development will focus more on training programmes and food security in the Arab countries, according to its Director General Abdul Latif Al Hamad.

In a lecture delivered here on Wednesday on the fund's role in the economic and development processes in Arab countries, Al Hamad said the fund would continue to study development plans in the Arab world.

He said that the fund was one of few institutions which emphasised cooperation among the countries of the south.

He pointed out that Arab oil producers had set up the fund not only out of the need to assist poor Arab countries, but also in belief of Arab economic integration.

He stressed the need for adopting new policy and strategy to remove obstacles to economic development in the Arab countries in the 1980s.

Jordan to liberalise controls

AMMAN, June 4. (AP) The Central Bank will loosen controls on foreign exchange this week to quell a small run on dollars that has dented the Jordanian dinar, Deputy Governor Maher Shukri said today.

He told the Associated Press that the new rules should kick the dollar's price back to about 350 to 360 fils from the highs of about 390 fils reached at exchange houses on Thursday.

There are 1,000 fils to the Jordanian dinar. The dollar was selling for about 370 fils at midday today.

Emphasis
Shukri said the new rules "will be more liberalised... emphasis will be placed on reporting rather than controls."

"They will make the same amount of foreign exchange available... it will give Jordanians a little bit more leeway in holding foreign currency."

Shukri said they would be announced this week — by Thursday under the Islamic calendar — but would not specify the day.

Last Thursday's run on dollars

followed a similar flurry on May 2 that drove dollar prices to 385 fils before the Central Bank intervened by selling \$4 million.

The relatively small spread between official and unofficial rates worried the local financial community because unofficial rates offered by money changers in recent years have closely followed the official rate, currently about 350 fils.

The Central Bank also has repeatedly denied any plan to devalue the dinar, and Shukri repeated that assurance.

The Jordanian dinar remained under pressure today as the latest International Monetary Fund (IMF) figures showed foreign exchange reserves at a record low.

Moneychangers quoted prices at 380 to 382 fils to the dollar compared to the 355 fils guideline sell price posted by the Central Bank. Some banks declined to quote prices.

IMF figures said foreign exchange reserves slumped to \$27.7 million in April from \$128.1 million in March, itself a record low, in April 1987.

foreign reserves totalled \$174.3 million, the IMF said.

The dinar, which often trades up to five per cent weaker than the Central Bank guideline rate, cut adrift on Thursday afternoon. The rate reached 390 fils at one point as rumours swept the market.

"It is mob psychology," said Michel Mario, general manager of the Bank of Jordan. "It's reaching all levels of society. People who had hardly heard of dollars now want to buy them."

"It's simply rumours and the Central Bank must put an end to them," he told Reuters. "Okay, they don't want to devalue, but they can't keep people hanging in suspense like this."

Mario said many people were withdrawing from or borrowing against dinar accounts to buy dollars.

Stability
The currency's traditional stability helps lure Jordan's primary source of income — remittances sent home by more than 300,000 Jordanians working in Arab countries in the Gulf.

The run on dollars was fed by reports of low foreign currency reserves, rumours of new Central Bank regulations and restrictions on the bank's supply of currency to the market.

"It's because the Central Bank is not selling as many dollars as the banks would like to have and so they have to depend on the exchange market. So it's now supply and demand," said economist consultant Fahed Faneek.

Shukri said the bank is providing currency for "legitimate needs" to cover licensed imports and travel. But he said the banks have been seeking more, turning to the free market and paying a premium to get it.

Demand
"A big part of the demand is for financing capital flight," he said — indicating that some Jordanians are trying to shift assets abroad due to worries about the dinar.

He termed the sudden demand "pure speculation."

Shukri said that Jordan now has enough foreign reserves to cover at least one month's imports, although he did not specify the exact amount.

KD deposit rates mixed in dull market

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were mixed in a dull market yesterday, with short-dated funds easing amid high liquidity and fixed period maturities edging up ahead of a KD100 million issue of three-month Treasury bills on Wednesday.

Dealers said overnight, tomorrow-oct and one-week funds were all well-offered at 1/2 and one per cent. Dinar liquidity had risen on Thursday — the last business day ahead of the Muslim Friday weekend — as banks sold dollars.

One-week deposits rose 3/4

percentage point as banks covered positions, with traders reporting business at 5-1/4, 5-1/2 and six per cent.

Long-term maturities were also indicated 1/8 to 3/8 points, higher, with one-month rising to 6-3/8, 1/8 per cent from six, 5-3/4.

Three months rose 3/16 point to 6-1/2, 1/4 per cent while six months rose 1/8 point to 6-5/8, 3/8 per cent. One-year was quoted little changed but wide at 6-3/4, 3/8 per cent.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate softer to

0.2761/22 to the dollar from 0.27592/02 on Thursday. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.2761/5/22.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were barely changed yesterday in a very dull market typical during the European weekend, but short-term funds maintained a firmer tone amid tight liquidity.

Dealers reported minimal activity in fixed period deposits but spot-next funds edged up 1/8 point on the offer side and traded at levels of 7-3/8, 1/8 per cent.

Exchange Service		Munich	
Tel: 2428058, 2447131		8.30 to 12 noon; 4.30 to 7.30 pm	
Indian Rupees	20.348	US Dollar	13.38
Pakistan Rupees	15.888	UK Pound	10.55
Sri Lankan Rupees	8.926	Swiss Franc	13.287
Philippine Peso	13.287	Japanese Yen	276.17
US Dollars	276.17	Deutsche Mark	13.38
Swiss Franc	13.38	French Franc	6.55
Japanese Yen	276.17	Italian Lira	2036.36
Deutsche Mark	13.38	Spanish Peseta	166.64
French Franc	6.55	Portuguese Escudo	200.48
Italian Lira	2036.36	Belgian Franc	33.36
Spanish Peseta	166.64	Dutch Guilder	3.60
Portuguese Escudo	200.48	Austrian Schilling	13.76
Belgian Franc	33.36	Swedish Krona	13.76
Dutch Guilder	3.60	Norwegian Krone	13.76
Austrian Schilling	13.76	Finland Markka	5.94
Swedish Krona	13.76	Yugoslav Dinar	13.76
Norwegian Krone	13.76	Czech Koruna	13.76
Finland Markka	5.94	Slovak Koruna	13.76
Yugoslav Dinar	13.76	Hungarian Forint	13.76
Czech Koruna	13.76	Romanian Leu	13.76
Slovak Koruna	13.76	Bulgarian Lev	13.76
Hungarian Forint	13.76	Russian Ruble	13.76
Romanian Leu	13.76	Polish Zloty	13.76
Bulgarian Lev	13.76	Czechoslovak Koruna	13.76
Russian Ruble	13.76	Serbian Dinar	13.76
Polish Zloty	13.76	Croatian Dinar	13.76
Czechoslovak Koruna	13.76	Slovenian Tolar	13.76
Serbian Dinar	13.76	Malaysian Ringgit	13.76
Croatian Dinar	13.76	Singapore Dollar	13.76
Slovenian Tolar	13.76	Thai Baht	13.76
Malaysian Ringgit	13.76	Indonesian Rupiah	13.76
Singapore Dollar	13.76	Philippine Peso	13.76
Thai Baht	13.76	Malay Brunei Dollar	13.76
Indonesian Rupiah	13.76	Brunei Dollar	13.76
Philippine Peso	13.76	East Timor Escudo	13.76
Malay Brunei Dollar	13.76	East Timor Escudo	13.76
Brunei Dollar	13.76		
East Timor Escudo	13.76		

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.C.L.B.	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.880	0.880	0.880	0.870	160000	4
GULF BANK	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	40000	3
COMMERCIAL BK	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.248	222400	6
ABU BANK	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	20000	1
B.K.M.E.	0.310	---	---	---	---	---
W.B.R.E.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
BURJAN BANK	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	20000	1
K.F.HOUSE	0.415	0.415	0.415	0.415	360000	11
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.176	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.162	---	---	---	---	---
COM.FACILITIES	0.475	---	---	---	---	---
ABULIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.106	0.104	0.104	0.104	40000	2
INV. PEARL KUT	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	102000	13
INSURANCE SECTOR						
GULF INSURANCE	0.690	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.370	---	---	---	---	---
AMLIA INS. CO.	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
MARSA INS. CO.	0.460	0.465	0.465	0.460	60000	5
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.226	---	---	---	---	---
W.B.R.E.S.T. CO.	0.116	---	---	---	---	---
W.B.R.E.S.T. CO.	0.308	---	---	---	---	---
SALMAN R.E.	0.075	---	---	---	---	---
KUT PROJECTS	0.092	0.091	0.091	0.091	120000	2
KUT R.E.I. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
NAT IND. CO.	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
KUT N.P. CO.	0.290	---	---	---	---	---
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.240	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.410	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.020	---	---	---	---	---
K.P.H.IND. CO.	0.224	0.220	0.220	0.220	20000	1
CONT.MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
K.S.N.REP. CO.	0.042	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.174	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.178	0.180	0.180	0.180	100000	4
CON.WKT. CHPK.	0.022	---	---	---	---	---
WILE TELE.	0.308	---	---	---	---	---
COMPUTER	0.308	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.Y.	0.224	---	---	---	---	---
UNITO FISHERIES	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
UNITO POULTRY	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
KUT FOODS	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI. FOOD PRO.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KUT SECTOR						
BIN. INTER. BK	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.067	1759884	17
BIN. M.EAST. BK	0.047	---	---	---	---	---
UNITO GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.087	0.090	0.090	0.087	6640000	63
A.G. INV. CORP	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	80000	1
FIRST GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.	0.084	0.083	0.083	0.083	40000	1

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GULF INV. CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INTL INS	0.005	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT. CO.	0.035	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS	0.035	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.017	---	---	---	---	---
C.R.K. WHITE CMT	0.024	---	---	---	---	---
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
E-FUJAIRAH CMT	0.008	---	---	---	---	---
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
G-GULF CEMENT	0.015	---	---	---	---	---
N-UNION QATMIAN	0.026	---	---	---	---	---

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ARAB PHARMACY/CHM	1.98	1.97
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ARABIAN SEAS INS.	---	---
BANK OF JORDAN	1.65	1.65
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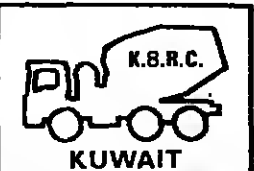
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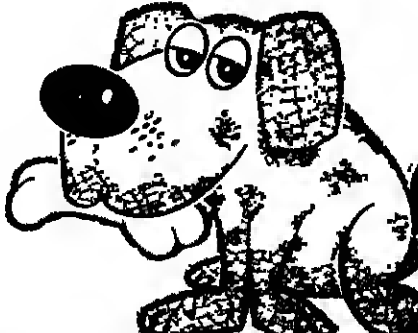


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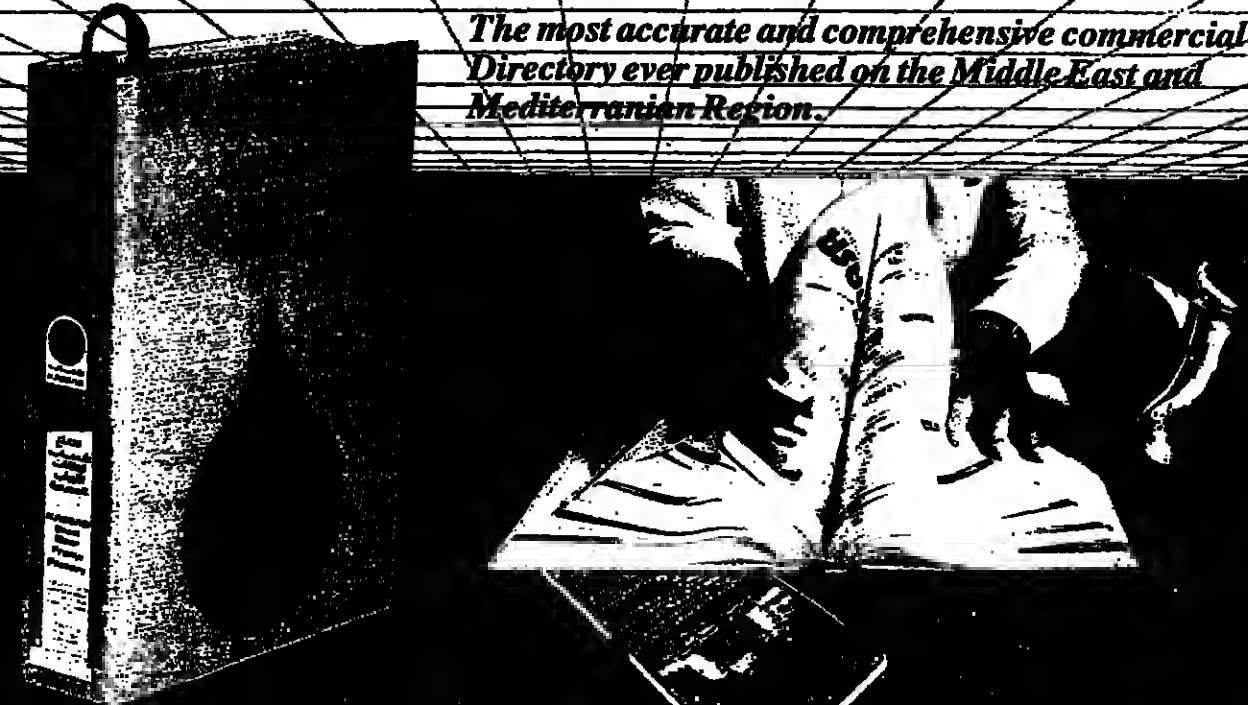


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Hatid Ligaya cruise past Al Nakest

HATID - LIGAYA-ABUGH-OSH (1st) defeated Al Nakest 4-0 in the second round of the Palangon Pilipino-Bowling '88 held at the Club 300 on Thursday and Friday.

Hatid Ligaya were led by Carl Baginda who scored 594 in three games, followed by Manny Inerito with 589. Manny also got the High Game on Thursday with 244. The other Hatid Ligaya members also did well with Roger Sabado scoring 517, Rudy Zablan 472 and Willy Sabay 449.

In another game, Kuwait Airways thrashed Atlas Int'l Corp. 4-0. Tony Lascos was the top scorer for the Airmen with 537 while Gren Ruiz got 519, Rene Cabardin 501, Delfin Gabucan 313, Freddie Fernando 311, Ed de Leon 148 and Nelson Guillermo, captain, 137.

The best match of the day was between Kay Association Inc. and Oriental Trading. The match ended 2-2. In the first game Kay thrashed Oriental 971-795.

The second game saw Oriental scoring a close 881-847 win and also the third 881-813. However, Kay remained ahead on pinfalls even after two defeats to earn a draw.

In the women's division, favourites Mabuhay Restaurant lost to Oriental Trading 1-3. In another game Al Ghanim beat Crown Trading & Est. 4-0.

Daniel runs 8th fastest 200m

EUGENE, Oregon, June 4. (Reuters): American Lorenzo Daniel turned an explosive start into the eighth-fastest 200 metres yesterday as he ran 19.87 seconds in the US National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships.

US Olympic hopefuls turned in the fastest performances in the world this year in the 400 metres hurdles and women's 3,000 metres, as the sun broke through after two days of rain at the University of Oregon.

Kevin Young became the sixth-fastest 400 metres hurdler with a time of 47.85 seconds as he won by 20 metres and Vicki Huber established a US collegiate record of eight minutes, 47.35 seconds in the women's 3,000 metres.

BLUE JAYS EXTEND BOYD'S PITCHING SLUMP

Athletics rally to edge Twins

NEW YORK, June 4. (AP): A home run counts the same no matter how far it's hit. But when it comes down 456 from home plate there may be an aftermath.

That's what happened last night when Oakland's Jose Canseco hit a home run with the bases empty in the third inning and Minnesota ahead 4-0. An inning later the Athletics had a 7-4 lead and went on to beat the Twins 8-5.

The Athletics' victory gave them a 10-game lead over the defending world champion Twins and Texas in the AL West.

After Canseco's Major League-leading 14th homer, Dave Parker walked, Mark McGwire singled and Dave Henderson's double made it 4-3.

Glenn Hubbard walked to start the fourth and took third on Walt Weiss's single. Carney Lansford's grounder tied the score and Stan Javier's single chased loser Les Straker.

Mark Portugal loaded the bases by hitting Canseco with a pitch and Parker doubled for a 6-4 lead. McGwire followed with a sacrifice fly and Weiss hit his second home run in the eighth for Oakland's final run.

Oakland's Dave Stewart, 9-3, snapped a personal three-game

losing streak. He survived Greg Gagne's second-inning Grand Slam that gave the Twins a 4-0 lead and went eight innings.

Yankees 4, Orioles 0

Tommy John, New York's 45-year-old sinkerballer, scattered six singles in 7 2-3 innings and Claudell Washington hit a two-run homer. Rickey Henderson stole three bases, giving him 39 for the season and setting up New York's first two runs against rookie Jose Bautista. The Yankees were managed by coach Mike Ferraro as Billy Martin served the first of a three-game suspension.

Indians 6, Tigers 3

Joe Carter became the first player in Cleveland history to hit 100 home runs and steal 100 bases. Carter's two-out homer started a four-run first inning that chased Walt Terrell. Carter doubled and scored one of two second-inning runs and also stole a base.

Brewers 8, Angels 2

Tom Filer won his third-straight game, and B.J. Surhoff and Glenn Briggs homered. Filer gave up two unearned runs in the first inning and yielded eight hits before being replaced by Chuck Crim with two out in the seventh. The Brewers tagged

Mike Witt for 13 hits and all their runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 3

Fred McGriff had a single, double and a triple, scoring three runs and driving in one, as Toronto won its fourth straight game. Kelly Gruber hit a pair of RBI doubles and Ernie Whitt drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and a single as the Blue Jays extended Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd's pitching slump.

Rangers 9, White Sox 3

Ruben Sierra hit a three-run double, another double and a single and rookie Ray Hayward gave up two runs and two hits in six innings. The Rangers started the scoring in the first inning on Pete O'Brien's RBI single. Loser Dave Lapoint walked Steve Buechele, Mike Stanley and Jerry Browne to start the second and the White Sox appeared out of the inning when Bih Brower grounded into a double play via the plate. But Scott Fletcher walked to reload the bases and Sierra's double cleared them.

Royals 3, Mariners 1

Bret Saberhagen pitched a six-hitter and Kurt Stillwell hit his sixth home run. Loser Mike Campbell went seven innings, allowing nine hits and all the

Kansas City runs. Kevin Seitzer doubled in the second inning, took third on Bill Buckner's hit and scored a Mike MacFarlane's double. Buckner scored on Jim Eisenreich's sacrifice fly.

Cardinals 5, Phillies 4

Tom Brunansky homered in left field with one out in the top of the 10th inning as St. Louis defeated Philadelphia for the Cardinals' fourth-straight victory. After Willie McGee flied out to right, Brunansky hit his eighth homer on a 2-0 pitch from Greg Harris. 1-2. Todd Worrell, 3-2, the fifth St. Louis pitcher, came on to retire Mike Schmidt with two outs and runners on first and third in the ninth and then pitched the 10th.

Results

American League			
Milwaukee	8	California	2
Texas	9	Chicago	3
Oakland	8	Minnesota	5
New York	4	Baltimore	0
Cleveland	6	Detroit	3
Kansas City	3	Seattle	1
Toronto	6	Boston	3

National League			
Los Angeles	13	Cincinnati	5
Houston	8	San Francisco	4
San Diego	7	Atlanta	5
Chicago	5	New York	0
St. Louis	5	Philadelphia	4
Pittsburgh	2	Montreal	1

ATHLETICS

Cruz plans to run in two events at 1988 Games

EUGENE, Oregon, June 4. (Reuters): Brazil's Joaquim Cruz, the 800 metres gold medalist in the 1984 Olympics, said yesterday he would attempt to run both that event and the 1,500 metres in the Seoul Olympics.

"It was my goal in 1984 but I accomplished only half of it," said Cruz, who withdrew from the semifinals of the 1,500 metres at the Los Angeles Games because of illness.

Missed

"I think I'm still alive," he said facetiously, "and that's (the double) one of my goals."

Cruz, who missed the 1986 season because of injury and had an abbreviated 1987 season, made the remarks at a press luncheon here where he now lives.



Pistons' Vinnie Johnson (right) tries to block a pass from a fallen Jim Paxson of Celtics. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pistons beat Celtics to reach NBA finals

PONTIAC, Mich., June 4. (Reuters): The Detroit Pistons reached the finals of the National Basketball Association (NBA) for the first time in 20 years yesterday by holding off a late surge by the Boston Celtics to preserve a 95-90 victory and win the Eastern Conference title.

Vinnie Johnson had 24 points and Adrian Dantley 22 to lead Detroit to the title by four games to two.

The Pistons will meet the winner of this evening's seventh game between the Dallas Mavericks and the Los Angeles Lakers in the finals.

During

Detroit had lost 21 consecutive games at Boston Garden, before they beat the Celtics twice on their home court during the playoffs.

The Celtics, in the NBA finals each of the last four seasons, rallied from 17 points behind midway through the fourth quarter to make the score 94-90 to Detroit.

But the Celtics ran out of gas, as superstar Larry Bird contributed only 16 points in another of his poor efforts in the best-of-seven series.

The Celtics were also hampered by a knee injury to centre Robert Parish in the first quarter

which put him out of the game.

The Celtics led 25-21 at the end of the first quarter, but Detroit outscored Boston 27-21 in the second period for 48-46 halftime lead.

The Pistons put the game out of reach by taking a 75-63 lead after the third quarter, in which they outscored the Celtics 27-17.

Member

Midway through the final quarter, Boston's Brad Lohaus and Detroit's Dennis Rodman got into a fight after scrambling for a loose ball. They crashed into the stands and rolled around on the floor. They were ejected from the game.

It was the last game for Boston coach K.C. Jones who led the Celtics to the finals in the last four seasons, winning two World Championships. In 13 years as a player and a coach with the Celtics he has been a member of 10 world champions.

After congratulating the Pistons, Jones said he returned to the Boston dressing room and told his players, "Thank you for a beautiful ride. I jumped on the chariot and you guys carried it."

The Celtics won titles in 1984 and 1986 under Jones, and they also made the finals in 1985 and 1987, losing to the Lakers each time.

S. Korea surprise Pakistan

IPOH, Malaysia, June 4. (Reuters): Asian Games champions South Korea displayed great determination and teamwork to beat Pakistan, the Olympic champions, 5-3 in a penalty shootout in the semifinal of the six-nation hockey tournament here today.

The match, which saw the Koreans through to tomorrow's final against Britain, ended in controversy when Pakistan lodged a protest with the tournament jury of appeal over British umpire Philip Marshall's decision in disallow two Pakistani goals.

Proved

A verdict is expected tomorrow, tournament officials said.

"South Korea played well and proved to be an untiring side but the two goals would have certainly changed the tide in our favour," said Pakistan team manager Brigadier (ret) Ali.

The two teams were locked in a scoreless draw at full time and goals by Pakistan's Muhammad Irfan in the 88th minute and South Korea's Park Jae-Sik two minutes later during extra time set the stage for a penalty shootout.

Isle of Man TT claims third victim

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, June 4. (Reuters): The notorious Isle of Man Tourist Trophy (TT) motorcycle road races have claimed their third victim in two days.

Brian Warburton of Britain died in hospital overnight from injuries sustained yesterday in the first race of the 1988 meeting, officials said today.

Competed

Warburton, 54, a motor mechanic, crashed on the final lap of the production TT, his 600cc Honda smashing into a stone wall.

Warburton was the 146th rider to die in the tough 60.75-km circuit since the races began in 1907. He was one of the most experienced riders in the race and had competed on the island since the early 1960s.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Mini marathon

NEW YORK, June 4, (AP): Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway won her second L'Espresso mini marathon today by taking the lead at the start and pulling away to an easy victory over an international field that included Mary Decker-Slaney in her first road race.

Kristiansen, who won this event in 1986, covered the 10 kilometres in 31 minutes, 31 seconds—33 seconds faster than Lisa Martin of Australia, who won the event last year.

British Masters

WOBURN, England, June 4, (Reuters): Britain's Sandy Lyle earned himself some breathing space at the top of the leader board with a four-under-par second round 68 at the British Masters golf championships yesterday.

110m hurdles

DERBY, England, June 4, (Reuters): Britain's world silver medalist Jon Ridgeon was beaten into second place by teenager Tony Jarrett in the 110 metres hurdles on the first day of the two-day United Kingdom Athletics Championships today.

Cup qualifier

KATHMANDU, Nepal, June 4, (AP): Three goals by Iranian striker Karim Bavi against Nepal in the last match played Saturday under the ninth Asia Cup soccer Group 'C' qualifying round ensured Iran a berth in the finals. Iran won 3-0.

Olympic chief

TOKYO, June 4, (Reuters): North Korea's Olympic Committee refused today to meet Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch and repeated a demand that Pyongyang be allowed to co-host this year's Seoul Games.

Soviet soccer

MOSCOW, June 4, (Reuters): Leading Soviet soccer officials have called for a radical reorganisation of the game including the creation of a professional soccer union, the newspaper Sovetsky Sport reported yesterday.

Potomac golf

POTOMAC, MD., June 4, (Reuters): Rookie Jim Hallet of the United States shot a six-under-par 65 yesterday to take the second-round lead at the \$800,000 Potomac Open golf tournament.

Offside rule

LONDON, June 4, (Reuters): Soccer's rule makers decided yesterday to retain the oft-criticised offside law in its present form after the failure of an experiment to abolish offside from free-kicks.

W. GERMAN SLAUGHTERS ZVEREVA

Graf wins French Open title

PARIS, June 4, (Reuters): Steffi Graf retained the French Open tennis championship today with an historic 6-0 6-0 victory over bemused Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva.

The 34-minute slaughter was the first time any losing finalist had failed to win a game in the women's singles final at Roland Garros, the 17-year-old Russian claiming a mere 13 points during the painfully embarrassing rout.

Frenchwoman Suzanne Lenglen won the title in 1926 when she beat American Mary Browne 6-1 6-0.

Concede

Graf, who told the centre court crowd she was sorry the match was over so quickly, is also the first Grand Slam champion not to concede a game in the final since Britain's Dorothea Lambert Chambers beat compatriot Dora Boothby 6-0 6-0 in the 1911 Wimbledon championships.

The West German, the youngest ever champion of France when she beat Martina Navratilova here 12 months ago, went on: "I like Paris very much and that is why I wanted to play



Graf with the trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

my best tennis here, but I apologise for making it so quick."

Appearing in her fifth successive Grand Slam final and reigning champion of Australia, Graf

continued the form she has shown throughout the past two weeks in Paris, dropping just 21 games in her triumphant seven-match march into the record

books.

Still 10 days short of her 19th birthday, Graf is now on target to emulate Margaret Court's feat of 18 years ago when the Australian won all four Grand Slam titles in the same year.

Zvereva, who turned 17 only in April, gamely succeeded in fighting back the tears as Graf raced to the end of the court to kiss her father Peter after the winning point.

But she did break down in the post-match news conference, which she curtailed by hurrying from the room in tears.

She had managed only to say: "I wasn't nervous, I just never got into the match. It wasn't a nightmare as such. I'll get over it. It was just a bad match for me and bad play from me."

Special

"I didn't really enjoy it, it was all something of a surprise," Graf explained. Last year was much more special but this obviously still means a lot. "I think Natalia was really nervous, it's a big thing playing in a Grand Slam final at 17."

Richards hits England for 80

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 4, (Reuters): Viv Richards hit a majestic 80 as West Indies comfortably overtook England's meagre first innings 245 on a rain-interrupted third day of the first cricket Test today.

When play ended early because of heavy showers, West Indies were 264 for four in their first innings with Carl Hooper unbeaten on 47.

Needed

Richards, 22 not out in the overnight total of 126 for two, played exactly the innings his team needed.

The West Indian skipper concentrated fiercely, his technique on a pitch of variable bounce was immaculate and he punished the slightest variation of length and direction ruthlessly.

Only one over was possible

before lunch to the disappointment of the capacity Trent Bridge crowd, but after the interval Richards was quickly into his stride.

He was particularly severe on seamers Paul Jarvis and Derek Pringle and reached his 50 from only 60 balls with nine fours.

West Indies lost opener Desmond Haynes, caught behind off Jarvis after scoring a cultured 60 distinguished by some copybook defensive play.

Richards, though, was now in full stride and he turned his attention to off-spinner John Emburey, who was courageously giving the ball plenty of air.

Richards played one mighty pull shot for six high over the mid-wicket boundary and took four with rasping shots past the bowler and through the covers.

One over from Emburey cost 16 runs and the England slow bowler was taken off with the embarrassing figures of one for 62 from his seven overs.

However Richards, who had looked certain to make a century, then tried to slash paceman Phillip DeFreitas for another off-side boundary.

Catch

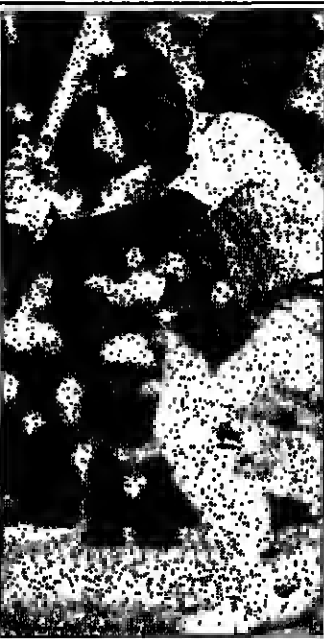
The ball caught the edge of his flashing bat and Graham Gooch at second slip took a fine reflex catch in both hands tumbling backwards. Richards had struck 12 fours and one six in 97 balls.

Hooper continued to impress with his maturity and free-flowing play. When play ended early he was only three runs short of a half-century in his first Test against England while Gus Logie had scored 18.

England triumph

AYLESBURY, England, June 4, (Reuters): England ensured they would go to the European Soccer Championship finals with a convincing win behind them after a 7-0 demolition today of a team of salesmen, gas fitters, carpenters and market traders.

England manager Bobby Robson gave 19 of his 20-strong squad a run-out before a capacity 8,000 crowd against Aylesbury United, champions of the second tier of the Amateur League.



Richards: majestic 80

Cauthen rides Diminuendo to victory

EPSOM, England, June 4, (Reuters): Classy filly Diminuendo turned the Epsom Oaks into a procession today to give Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai his third success in the race since 1985.

The 7-4 favourite, ridden by Steve Cauthen, took up the running two furlongs from home to sprint clear of her 10 rivals and win unchallenged by four lengths.

Second place in the 12-furlong classic went to Sudden Love (11-2), trained by Luca Cumani and ridden by Ray Cochrane, the pair associated with Derby winner Kahyasi on Wednesday.

Sudden Love finished two lengths ahead of French raider Animatrice (20-1), the mount of Gary Moore, the former Hong Kong champion.

Diminuendo had finished

third in the 1,000 Guineas behind French-trained Ravinella but had been installed as Oaks favourite after an impressive win in the Musidora Stakes at York last month.

Today's success was a change of fortune for champion trainer Henry Cecil, who did not even have a runner in the two colts' classics run so far this year, the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby.

Bakhit looks forward to next Kuwait powerboat race

By Gail Seery

"I WILL certainly come back to Kuwait for the next powerboat race," a jubilant Khaled Bakhit told the Arab Times shortly after his 10 second victory over Mishaal Jarallah in Kuwait's second offshore powerboat race on Friday.

"But next time I think there will be more racers from Dubai and from Kuwait, and that there will be very tough competition indeed."

Bakhit came third in April's Dubai offshore powerboat race, and is eager to see more events of this type in the Gulf. He acknowledged that there had been problems during the event, but also that it was an important step for the future of the sport in the region.

Support

A staggering number of spectators, on shore, or in motor and sailing boats of all sizes and descriptions, turned out to see the race, and press and television covered the progress of the racers by helicopter. There has never been a marine event in Kuwait with this level of support in the past.

One visitor from far afield was Grant Wilson of Cougar Holdings Ltd, who had flown to

Kuwait from England, especially to watch Mishaal Al Jarallah's progress in the event.

Wilson has a wealth of experience in this comparatively young sport. He started racing in the UK's Class 3 in 1965, and had some very good results. Class Three refers to slightly smaller boats than those competing in Friday's event, and is restricted to boats measuring between 16 and 25 ft. Then he moved into Class Two, in which the boats are similar in size to those competing here.

From 1979-85 he competed in Class 1, and took first and second places with Renato Della Valle. He raced in Cougar cats, and also Supercats, doing a number of races with experimental Jaguar engines. "We won a few races and led a lot," he said. He has competed in the Cowes to Torquay race, one of the world's most prestigious events nine or ten times in the past, and has been with Cougar for the last 11 years.

The Americans held total domination in Class 1 worldwide from the beginning of the sport in the 1960s until 1979 when Cougar moved in and promptly won the world championship with driver Betty Cook, in Venice. Cougar went on to win nearly every major American race over the past five years.



All the winners with their prizes after the awards ceremony on Friday evening.

Wilson is not slow to identify the cause of Cougar's success. "We were the people who pioneered catamaran designs; everyone else was using monohulls. Our first class one cat was Yellow Drama, which won the 1977 Cowes Torquay race. We are still using the same basic design we used twenty years ago."

"Cats are more stable, and around 10mph faster than the equivalent monohull because of this."

Wilson said that he was very happy that Mishaal Al Jarallah had finished second, but added, "he should have won."

"Navigation played a major factor in the problems of the race," said Wilson. "In the future the organisers should use fixed navigational marks, channel marked buoys, and on each turn there should be a control boat in contact with main control. The organisers had tried to do this, but radio contact between turning point 2 and the shore proved to be impossible."

"They should also bring the

race further inshore, bearing in mind the available rescue facilities. Again, control of the boats should be stronger, and the racers themselves should be aware of the need for officials to know their whereabouts if they fail to complete the race." He cited examples of racers in the UK who had been sitting blissfully in a warm pub, unaware that a full scale sea search was out looking for them.

Lessons

"The race encountered exactly the same problems as the UK races in the early days. I'm sure the organisers have learnt a lot of lessons."

He commented on the impressive prizes and the tremendous enthusiasm of the racers and spectators. In fact the Kuwait event is now the second richest in the world, after Dubai.

Wilson identifies the next step as being a Kuwait Powerboat Association, and a Gulf Association. These should start work on preparing a set of regulations to cover all such events in the region on the lines of those issued by the

UIM or the ABTA worldwide.

At a prize giving ceremony held at the Messila Beach Hotel on Friday night, Khaled Bakhit was presented with his prize; a Honda CRX car kindly donated by the Mutawa Al Kazi company, and two Kuwait-London air tickets. Second placed Mishaal Al Jarallah won an 18ft Rodan boat and trailer and Kuwait-London air tickets. In third place

was Ahmed Juma of Dubai. He was the last of the Dubai entrants to get his boat to Kuwait, and told the Arab Times that he had thoroughly enjoyed the race and that he would most definitely come back for the next event. He won KD750 in cash, a KD250 voucher from Anaf and a KD250 voucher from Sportsman.

Thank

Fourth prize went to Mohammed Karam, who took KD250 in cash and KD250 vouchers from Anaf and Sportsman. Fifth prize of KD250 cash, and a KD250 voucher from Anaf and from Sportsman went to Hossam Sefah. Thabit Al Bania was in sixth place, and took KD250 cash and a further KD500 worth of vouchers from Anaf and Sportsman.

The Arab Times and Al Seyassah newspapers would like to thank the Messila Beach Hotel for their help and co-operation, and also the coastguard, without whom the race could not have taken place. We would also like to thank our co-sponsors, Honda, Hungry Bunny and Rodan.

We extend our warm thanks to Wael Khoury and his team of organisers who worked very hard to make the event run smoothly.



Bakhit: after his victory



Part of the Coastguard team which helped the organisers.

China crush Malaysia for Thomas Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, June 4, (Reuters): China retained the Thomas Cup men's World Team Badminton title today when they took a winning 3-0 lead against Malaysia.

The host nation, playing in their first Thomas Cup final for 12 years, failed to win a game in any of the three singles matches.

World champion Yang Yang set up the Chinese triumph, thrashing Malaysia's number one Mishaal Sidex 15-2 15-2.

The pitted Mishaal, who has played poorly throughout the two-week tournament, made many unforced errors to the disappointment of a capacity 12,000 crowd in Kuala Lumpur's Negara stadium. The left-handed Yang hardly broke into a sweat.

Foo Kok Keong was also overwhelmed 15-2 by Xiong Guohao in the first game of the second singles match. Foo attacked his Chinese opponent from the outset but was undone by solid defence and some well-placed sideline smashes and drop shots.

He briefly raised the hopes of his flag-waving supporters in the second game, taking a 9-7 lead with some impressive smashing. But Xiong took the game 15-11 after some exhilarating rallies.

Produced

China clinched their victory when Zhao Jianhua beat 19-year-old Rashid Sidek 15-12 15-9 in an exciting third singles encounter in which both players produced some astonishing overhead smashes.

The second game was evenly poised at 8-8 before the tall, left-handed Zhao stormed ahead with some of the fiercest and most acrobatic smashes of the tournament.

Llewellyn to line up with Al Hajri in Jordan

LONDON: International rally driver David Llewellyn will line up with Qatar's Saeed Al Hajri in a two-car assault on the Rothmans Jordan Rally later this month, it was confirmed by the Rothmans Rally team yesterday.

Both men will drive Rothmans Audi Quattros in this third round of the Fisa 1988 Middle East championship which starts in Amman on June 15.

An A-seeded driver, Llewellyn is likely to be first off the ramp and he will be a hard man for Al Hajri and championship leader Mohammed Bin Sulayem to beat.

Different

Llewellyn, on his first outing in the Middle East, said: "The terrain is certainly different to the kind of rallying I'm used to, but it is by no means all desert and I'm very much looking forward to the rally."

A winner of three major European championship rallies—the Rothmans Circuit of Ireland in 1986 and the Scottish Rally and Rothmans Cyprus Rally in 1987—the 28-year-old Welshman is one of the rising stars of international motor sport.

He will be partnered in Jordan by his regular co-driver Phil Short who has also navigated for leading world championship drivers Hannu Mikkola and Bjorn Waldegard.

"I am delighted to be in the same team as Saeed Al Hajri who is a very exciting driver," said Llewellyn. "We have competed against each other in a number of rallies including the World Championship RAC, the Scottish and the Circuit of Ireland."

The two Rothmans drivers will be among a top-class entry expected in Jordan, a rally which Al Hajri has already won three

times. Other entries from Europe so far are Ola Stronberg, the former Swedish junior champion, in a Saab and the German-based Czech Zdenek Mracek in a Group A Toyota Celica turbo 4WD.

Leading a strong local challenge will be Jordan's Prince Abdullah and Amr Bilbeisi, both driving Opel Manta 400s. Lebanon will be represented by Maurice Ehnouli in another Saab and by Duhai-hasad Michel Saleh in an Emirates-sponsored Audi Quattro.

A substantial number of competitors from the Gulf states are expected for the Middle East's best-organised event which is now a serious contender for World Championship status.

Anticipate

But Clerk of the Course Derek Ledger said: "The world series consists of a very small number of rallies and it will be several years before we can anticipate being included."

The 1,150-km Rothmans Jordan Rally consists of 30 special stages varying in length from five to 20 kms. Competitors will start from rally headquarters at the Marriott Hotel in Amman on June 15 on a three-day journey around Jordan that will take them north to the hills around Jerash and as far south as the ancient city of Petra.

League clubs

LONDON, June 4, (Reuters): England's Football League clubs angered players' leader Graham Taylor yesterday by rejecting proposals aimed at cleaning up the game's image. The chairman of the 92 clubs at the League's general meeting voted heavily against a plan to deduct points from teams with poor disciplinary records.

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